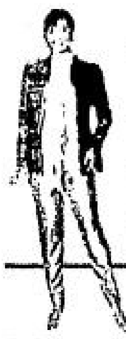

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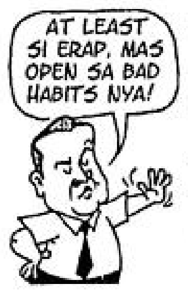
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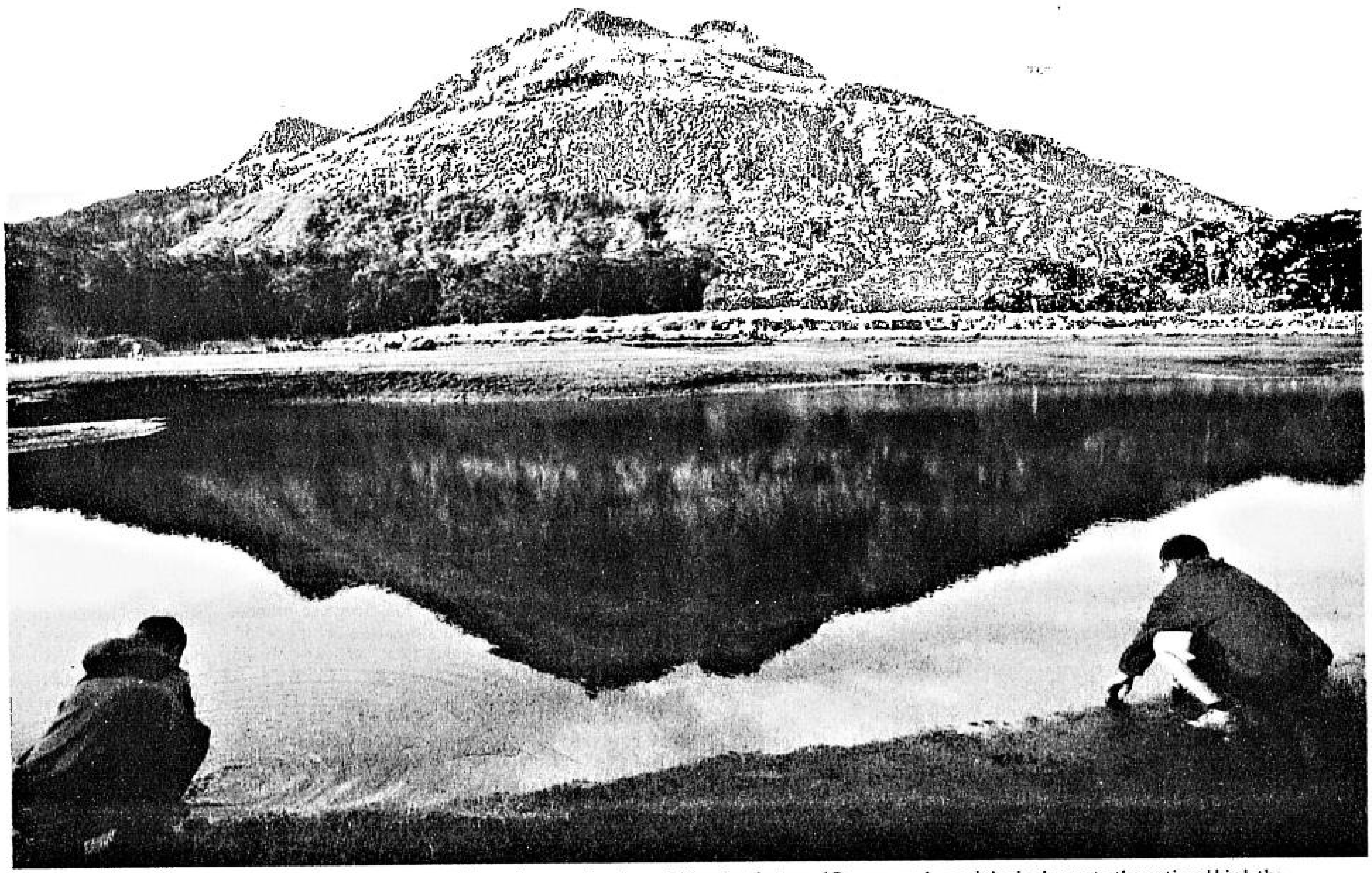

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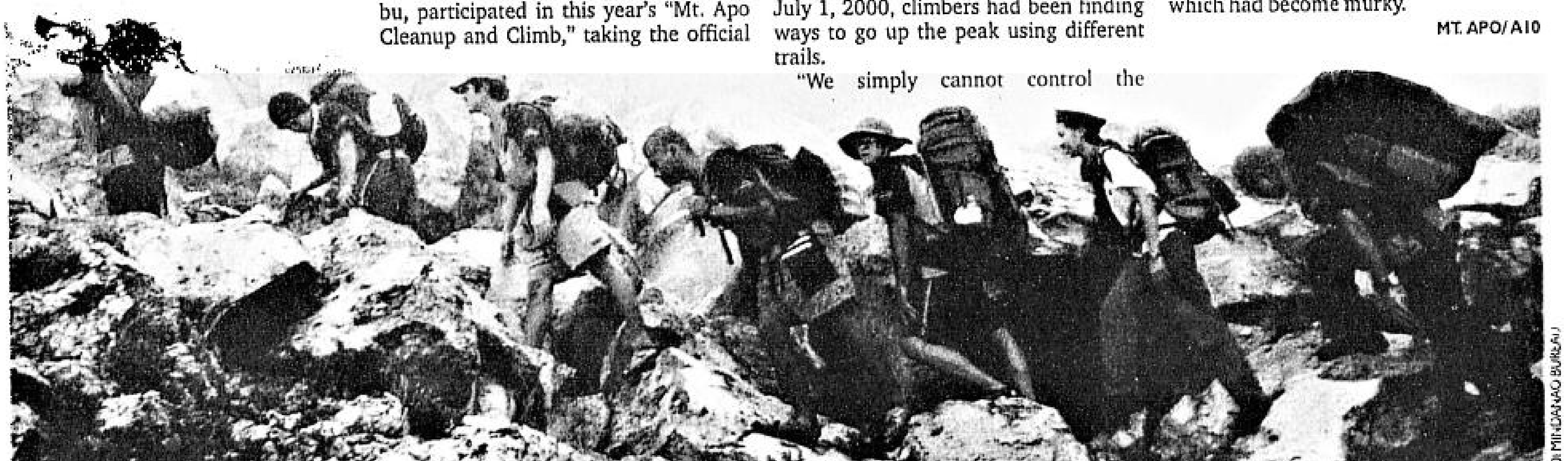

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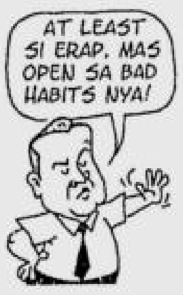
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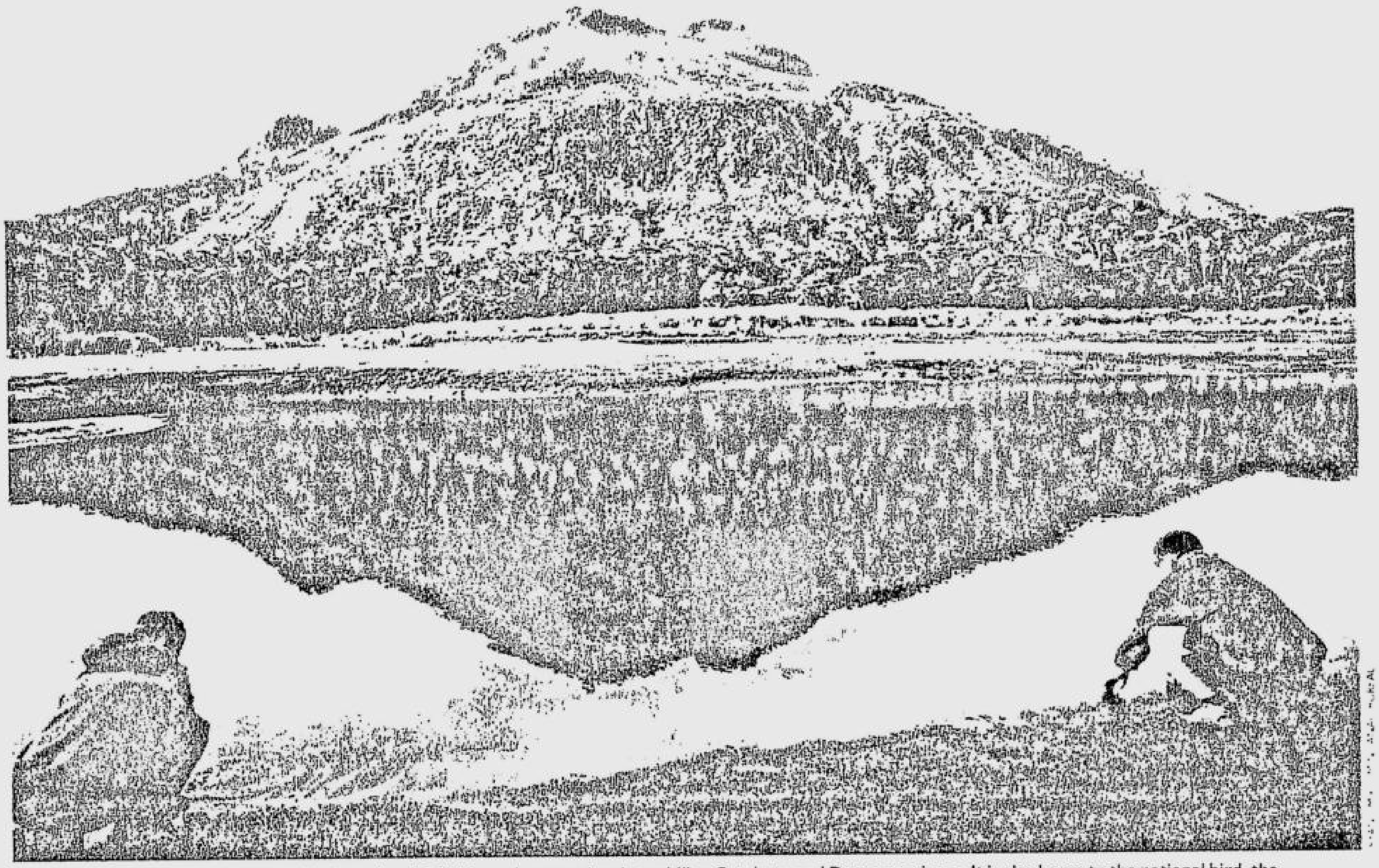

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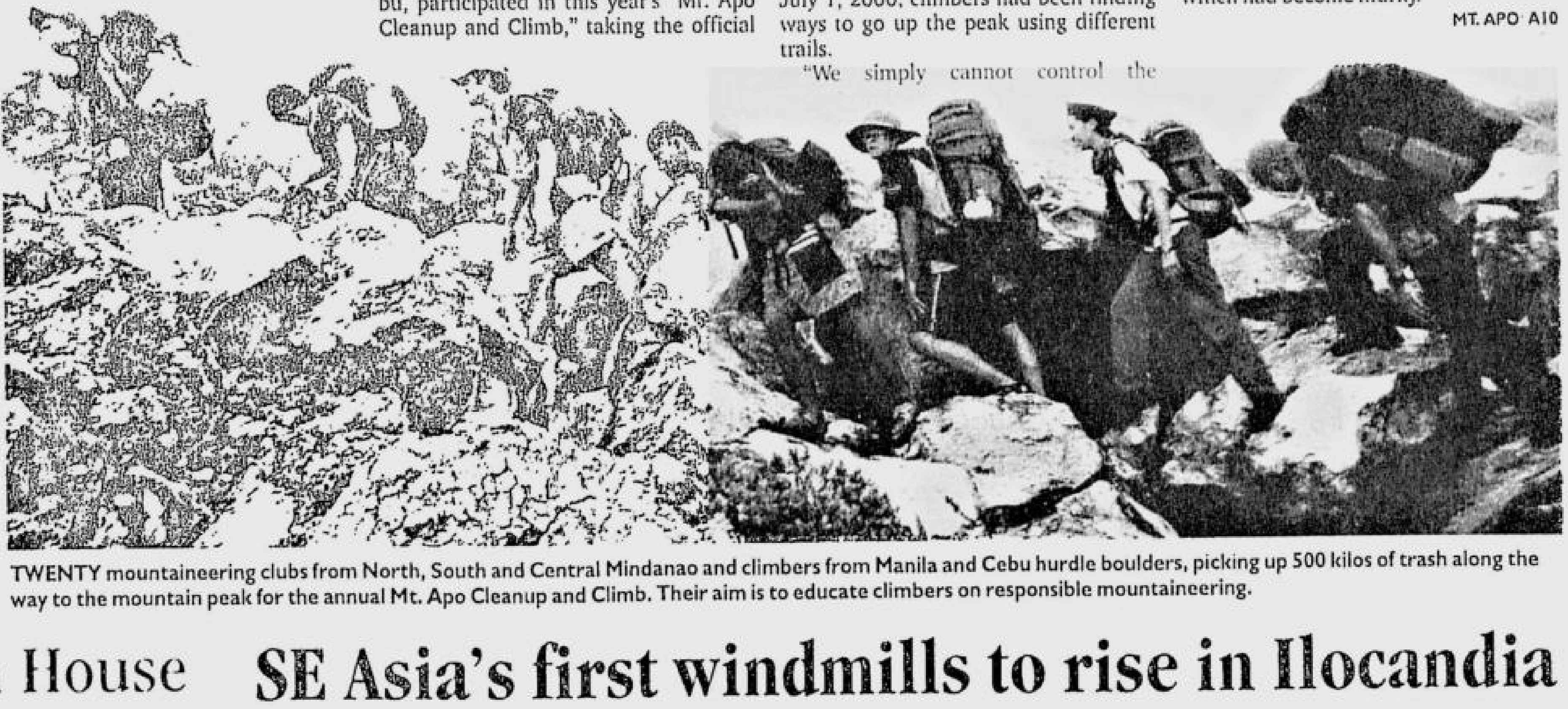

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Roco still in pain but confident of returning

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Saying his doctors' "prognosis was good," Roco, who underwent a prostate operation in 1996, added his physicians assured him his ailment was not "life-threatening."

Jaime Galvez-Tan, Roco's campaign adviser, said the candidate was not diagnosed with prostate cancer in Manila, but his doctors in Houston, Texas, would establish if he had cancer or other ailments.

The standard-bearer of the Alyansa ng Pag-Asa said yesterday he had undergone a series of tests at the Houston hospital.

"They have given me some medication for what they call 'balanced deliberation'... because the muscle [near my lumbar area] is painful... Right now, they're administering two tests," he said in a phone interview.

"They're analyzing what's wrong with my blood, what's wrong with the bones, what's wrong with the muscles, to provide them with a comprehensive view. They are examining specimens.

"I cannot provide exact details because they might be inaccurate and may prompt talks I am not candid about my health. "I am not hiding anything from the people," Roco said.

"It's painful when I sit; it's more painful when I get up," he added, noting that he had to use a wheelchair when walking became too painful.

The 62-year-old Roco, who hastily left for the US on Tuesday night to seek treatment for chronic back pain, said his doctors had yet to diagnose his ailment. *TJ Burgonio*

GMA orders tighter security for poll bets

PRESIDENT Macapagal-Arroyo on Saturday ordered more police protection for presidential candidates after a warning from Church leaders that communist insurgents could turn the May elections into a farce.

Police "must conduct a close watch over armed groups and preempt poll-related violence," the President said in a written statement. "I condemn all forms of attacks against political candidates as an attack against the democratic process."

At least 70 Roman Catholic bishops on Friday issued a condemnation of communist New People's Army (NPA) guerrillas whom they alleged were out to hijack the election through extortion.

"Taxation is an act of a sovereign state," the bishops said in a signed public statement.

"If candidates refuse to pay the money demanded of them by the NPA and fail to campaign as widely as is their right and lose in their bid to be elected, would that be grounds for declaring a failure of elections?"

If "the winners are those who paid the NPA, doesn't this mean control of our election process is not by the government but by the NPA?" they added.

Military officials estimate the NPA has collected at least P5 million in "permit-to-campaign" fees from candidates.

Police said 117 people have been killed and 124 people wounded in election-related violence since December, half of them linked to communist attacks.

Ms Macapagal's national security adviser Norberto Gonzales had alleged the NPA was extorting money from candidates as well as using its 8,700-strong guerrilla force to coerce and intimidate voters into supporting fringe political parties with alleged ties to the rebels.

Gonzales is seeking the disqualification of these six parties, all of which are seeking seats in the House of Representatives.

Military chief Lt. Gen. Rodolfo Garcia said the NPA, the armed wing of the Communist Party of the Philippines, has been financing its operations through extortion. The NPA has been waging an armed campaign since 1969.

Garcia said the NPA operates in about six percent of the country's 42,000 districts and villages and operates "shadow governments" in more than 500 villages. *AFP*

Ping winning KNP pols to his side

By Norman Bordadora

VIGAN, Ilocos Sur—After getting the support of erstwhile Muslim and Mindanaoan supporters of movie actor Fernando Poe Jr., Sen. Panfilo "Ping" Lacson now hopes to get to his side a considerable number of Koalisyon ng Nagkakaisang Pilipino members in Ilocos Sur.

The Lacson camp yesterday said it expected KNP gubernatorial bet Efren Rafanan to shift his support from Poe to Lacson after the KNP presidential standard-bearer failed to raise the arm of Rafanan, Luis Singson's opponent in the gubernatorial race, at a campaign rally.

Rafanan earlier told reporters he felt insulted that Poe did not raise his arm and endorse the local KNP ticket here because the movie actor didn't want to offend Singson, an old friend.

Already, the entire KNP slate in Caoayan town had shifted its support to Lacson.

"We now find KNP the opposite of our expectations and going nowhere," the local Caoayan candidates said in a manifesto supporting Lacson's candidacy.

In Abra, the Tingguian Tribes Community in the Provinces of Abra group, composed of all the major tribal groups in the province, had signed a resolution supporting Lacson's candidacy.

Lacson's camp yesterday claimed Rafanan's running mate under the KNP, Ben Baterina—a brother of Lakas-CMD stalwart and reelectionist Rep. Salacnib Baterina, had defected to their side.

Baterina was reportedly trying to convince Rafanan to openly support Lacson.

More defections

Aside from Baterina, the other defectors included KNP's local candidates in Calimuyod, Candon and San Vicente towns in Ilocos Sur.

Elated by the developments, Lacson yesterday encouraged more defections.

He said he'd soon return to Mindanao to follow up on the support of two influential organizations.

"We will go to Mindanao and we will find out if they will finalize their support for me and (Senatorial bet) Carlos Padilla in the Aquino wing of the LDP," Lacson said.

Poe's camp, however, branded as "black propaganda" the reported defections of two Muslim groups to Lacson.

Muslims for FPJ

A Muslim businessman, who said his group represented more than 30,000 traders nationwide, belittled claims that Poe was losing support among Muslims.

"We Muslims remain united and we are not withdrawing our support for FPJ," said Alex G. Panomblayan, chair of the Muslim FPJ movement.

Panomblayan said the so-called Muslims for FPJ group, which said on Friday that it was switching its support from Poe to Lacson, was only a small organization.

Panomblayan, who came to the INQUIRER offices, said: "We are here to deny that Muslims are withdrawing their support (for Poe)."

In Laguna, Poe's supporters vowed not to leave their "idol."

Nenita Castro, 54, a fish vendor, said she and her husband had to leave their stall to the care of their son just to take a stand for their "idol."

"We will never abandon FPJ just because of money. We'll fight until he's in Malacañang," she said. *With Marlon Ramos, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau, Charlie C. Señase and Joselle R. Badilla, PDI Mindanao Bureau; Cynthia D. Balana*

Comelec not gearing up to cheat, says Abalos

By Martin P. Marfil and Volt Contreras

COMMISSION on Elections Chair Benjamin Abalos yesterday dismissed allegations the poll body was setting the stage for fraud with its failure to come out with the certified voters list (CVL) in February.

Opposition senatorial candidate Aquilino Pimentel Jr. warned Friday of chaos and massive fraud in the May 10 elections due to the Comelec's supposed failure to furnish political parties with the CVL.

The Comelec should have sent out copies of the CVL to the different parties by Feb. 29, but all it did to make up for the delay was post the list on its Web site, Pimentel said.

Abalos said Pimentel's allegation of poll fraud was baseless since the Comelec came out with a list in February.

He said, however, that the list was not the CVL as it still underwent cleansing.

"If it's a CVL, it cannot be cleansed ... If a list is certified, it cannot be subject to inclusion or exclusion procedures," he said, pointing out that the CVL was actually composed of the old voters list and new registrants.

For the coming elections, Abalos said the number of voters is expected to reach 43 million, "more or less."

The figure is five million more than the 38 million who registered for the last elections.

As of yesterday, the Comelec said the CVL was about 97 percent complete and is expected to be released on April 22.

The CVL should have be counterchecked, particularly at the local level, by the various parties well ahead of election day, Pimentel said at the weekly Sulo Hotel forum.

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Gloria says she wants unity talks to succeed

By Juliet Labog-Javellana, Norman Bordadora, Martin P. Marfil, Armand N. Nocum and Carlito Pablo

PRESIDENT Macapagal-Arroyo yesterday said she would like to see the unification talks between opposition candidates Fernando Poe Jr. and Sen. Panfilo Lacson succeed.

"I look forward to the unification of the opposition because this will limit the contest to two camps and sharpen the contrast between the two protagonists," the President said in a statement on the eve of the scheduled Poe-Lacson unity talks on Monday.

The talks aim to allow the opposition to field a common candidate against Ms Macapagal in the elections three weeks from now.

Ms Macapagal said the contest would then be between "an administration that has engaged in a civilized, decent and platform-based campaign, and an opposition that has largely spewed negativisim, mudslinging, harangues and threats."

She again dangled high positions to members of the opposition in her "next administration."

"I also aim to unify the nation and the opposition as part of my plan," she said.

Despite talks, it's not likely that Lacson and Poe would seal their unification during the birthday of former President Joseph Estrada on Monday.

"Much as I would want to attend or be with him on his birthday, it might be in conflict with our (campaign) schedule on Monday," Lacson said of attending Estrada's birthday.

Told of reports that Poe said he'd make himself available on Monday if the senator would call for another one-on-one meeting for unification, Lacson said: "Let's see. Let's see."

Lacson said the main obstacle to the unification was his and Poe's respective convictions to go for the presidency "all the way."

"Unification is always a possibility... so long as I'm the standard-bearer," Lacson said with a smile.

Susan Roces throws a punch

By Nestor Burgos Jr.
PDI Visayas Bureau

ACTRESS Susan Roces, wife of actor and presidential candidate Fernando Poe Jr., yesterday threw a fit during a campaign sortie in Roxas City and punched a city councilor, who was with her in the sortie.

Lawyer Joseph Arrojado, regional chair of the pro-Poe Filipinos for Progress Justice and Truth Movement (FPJTM), quoted Allan Celino, Roxas City councilor who is running for vice mayor under the opposition Koalisyon ng Nagkakaisang Pilipino (KNP), as saying he was punched in the stomach by Roces.

In a phone interview, Celino confirmed the incident.

But Mike Romero, spokesperson of the KNP, said no such thing happened.

"Our sources in Iloilo completely deny it," said Romero. "It's politics again. They are using all kinds of intrigues against FPJ, Loren and now, Susan."

Celino said Roces threw the punch during a caravan in Roxas City yesterday afternoon.

Arrojado quoted Celino as saying he was trying to catch the attention of Roces by touching the actress in the shoulder and back to tell her to face the crowd that had gathered to watch the KNP caravan pass by.

Celino told Arrojado that Roces was apparently piqued by what he did and threw the punch at Celino's stomach.

Roces, Celino and other Poe campaign supporters were on top of a six-wheel flatbed truck which was part of a 25-vehicle convoy that was winding its way through Roxas City.

The incident happened at about 4:30 p.m. while the truck was near the Roxas City public market.

Celino, according to Arrojado, turned apologetic after Roces punched him.

In a radio interview in Roxas City, Celino apologized in public to Roces, saying the actress may have been just too tired.

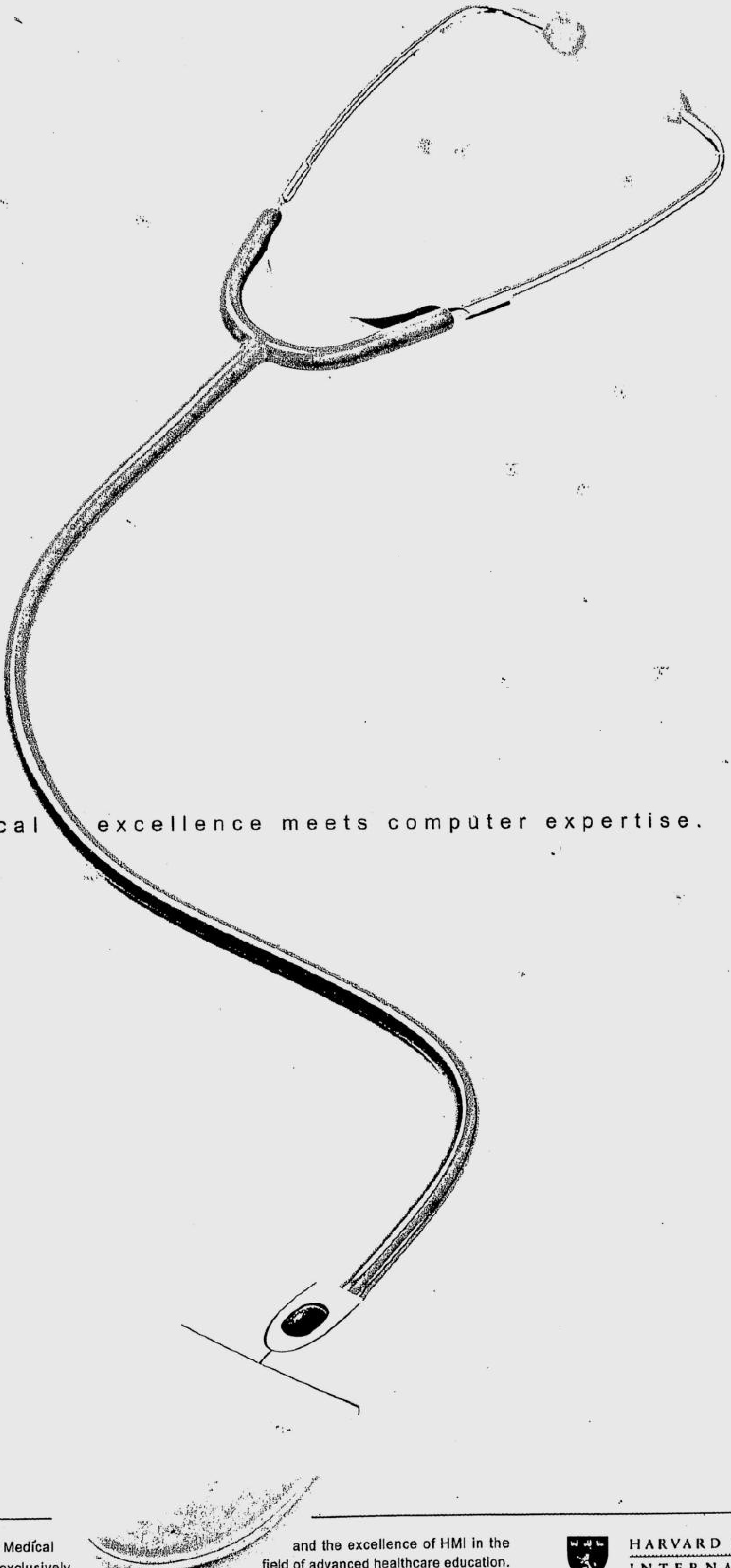
Celino said it was not his intention to offend Roces.

After the punch-throwing, Roces and party proceeded to the towns of Sigma and Mambusao in Capiz to continue with the campaign.

Roces was expected in Iloilo last night.

Arrojado said Roces apparently did not know that Celino was a local candidate of the KNP.

Arrojado said despite the punching, he and Celino would continue to support Poe.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Abaya admits state's enemies better at gathering intelligence

By Alcuin Papa

THINK out of the box.

Armed Forces of the Philippines chief of staff Gen. Narciso Abaya admonished the military to come up with new intelligence-gathering techniques, as he admitted the AFP was not able to match the level of sophistication of the intelligence employed by forces fighting the state.

During the AFP internal security operations (ISO) assessment conference held the other day in Camp Aguinaldo, Abaya also directed military intelligence units to develop new techniques to gather intelligence, after information from its deep penetration agents had reportedly dried up.

"The enemy has reached a level of sophistication that they have become adept in countering our intelligence operations. Hence, actionable information that we used to get through deep penetration agents (DPAs) has become scarce," he said.

"I now direct our intelligence units to develop new techniques that will produce real-time intelligence," Abaya said in his "command guidance" issued after the conference, a copy of which was obtained by the INQUIRER.

With regard to military operations against the various threat groups like the Abu Sayyaf, Moro Islamic Liberation Front and the New People's Army, Abaya said traditional approaches still applied but it was time for field commanders to "think out of the box."

"We cannot remain contented with traditional approaches to defeat the enemy. Time-tested operational doctrines are still relevant and practicable. However, we cannot afford to be complacent. I direct our commanders to think out of the box and craft new concepts suitable for the existing situation on the ground," Abaya said.

The AFP chief said new approaches must also be adopted in civil-military operations (CMO).

"Success against the enemy can no longer be measured by body count because for success to endure, it must entail winning the hearts and minds of the people. I now direct all CMO units to adopt new approaches that shall create an environment that is not only unfriendly for the enemies but favorable to our own troops."

He added: "The nature of the conflict that we face today has definitely changed in various ways. Hence it is imperative that we constantly analyze, review and devise novel strategies to keep up with the changing times and ensure a relentless advance against our enemies. I therefore direct all commanders to be more innovative in addressing the prevailing internal security threats in their respective areas of responsibility and exhaust all possible means to synergize efforts to attain our desired operational goals."

The conference was attended by commanders of all major commands and units of the AFP.

Party-list group raps DepEd plan

A PARTY-LIST group has asked the Court of Appeals to block the implementation of the bridge program aimed at enhancing the proficiency of incoming high school freshmen in English, Math and Science.

In a seven-page petition, the Advocates and Adherents of Social Justice for School Teachers and Allied Workers (AASJS) told the CA that Department of Education (DepEd) Secretary Edilberto de Jesus committed grave abuse of discretion when he ordered last month the implementation of the bridge program beginning this school year.

The program is supposed to address the learning gaps of high school students as shown by their low performance in the National Diagnostic Tests. The DepEd has scheduled a High School Readiness Test on May 24 to find out who should take the bridge program.

But lawyer Samson Alcantara, AASJS head, said the money allotted for the program should instead be used to improve elementary education.

"This is an admission on the part of (De Jesus) that students had been allowed to graduate from public elementary schools with deficiencies in English, Science and Mathematics," he said.

Alcantara said the remedial program was also "unreasonable and unbearable" since it would impose additional burdens on parents and teachers. *Philip C. Tubeza*

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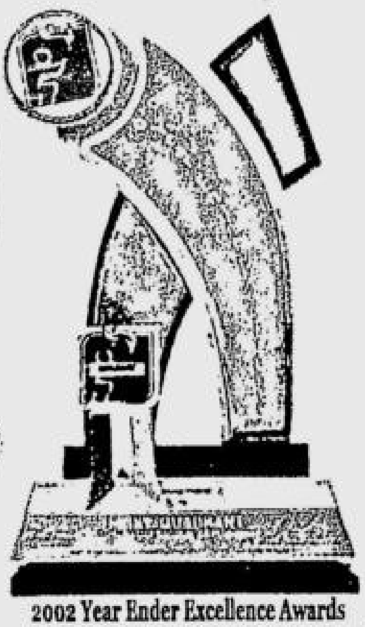
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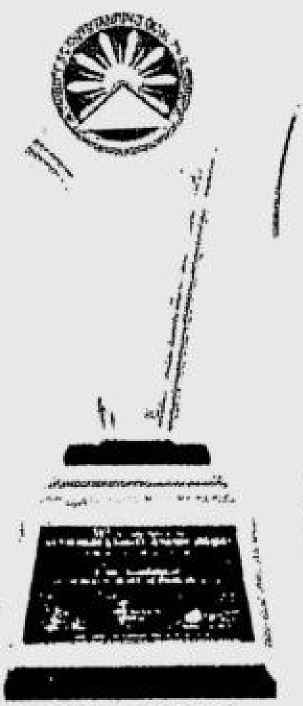
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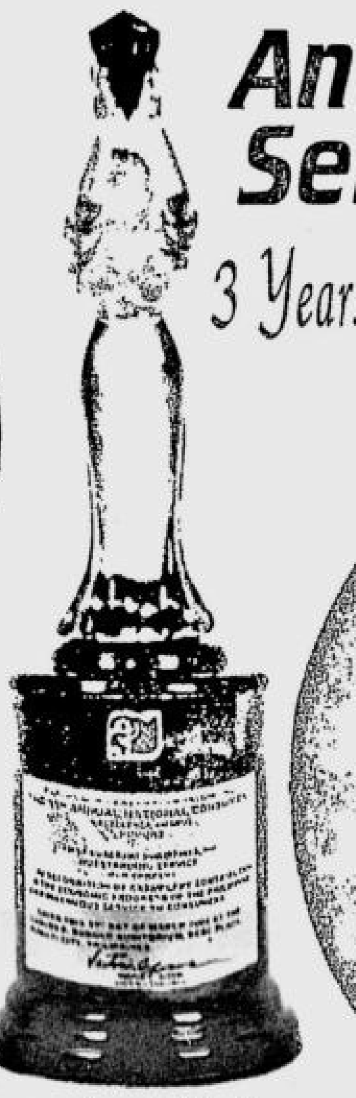
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Defunct mining firm paid off terrorists, claims ex-manager

LITTLETON, Colorado — The US Justice Department is investigating claims that a defunct US mining company illegally paid terrorist groups in the Philippines at least $1.7 million for protection and security.

Allan Laird, 62, a former project manager for Echo Bay Mines Ltd., said he contacted the Department of Homeland Security last year and provided documents and a statement he said prove the nature of the payments—some of which he believed were used to buy weapons.

Laird was sent to the Philippines in 1996 as project manager of Echo Bay's Kingking gold and copper mine project in Mindanao. He said he soon discovered the company had paid groups labeled by the US government in the mid-1990s as terrorist organizations, including two with ties to al-Qaida and the Abu Sayyaf bandit group.

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The allegations were first disclosed in a magazine article posted on the Sierra Club's Web site, which prompted stories this week by several media outlets.

"What disturbs me the most is there was a situation where a company was providing aid to terrorist groups," Laird said in the magazine article. "We should not be supporting terrorism under the guise of corporate security."

Officials of Kinross Gold Corp., a Canadian firm that acquired Echo Bay in January 2003, said the company had no knowledge of payments to terrorists. Former Echo Bay officials said Laird's claims were groundless.

In 1995, Echo Bay entered into an agreement in principle with Benguet Corp. to enable Echo Bay and its joint venture partner, TVI Pacific Inc., to acquire the Kingking porphyry copper and gold project in Pantukan, Compostela Valley.

Duterte unaware

In Davao City, Mayor Rodrigo Duterte said he was not aware that the US mining firm had funded terror groups in Mindanao.

Duterte was chair of the Regional Development Council in Southern Mindanao when Echo Bay allegedly gave money to the Abu Sayyaf, the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) and the New People's Army (NPA).

"I absolutely don't have knowledge about that. I was the regional peace and order chair at the time but what we got was only general report, like the revolutionary front in that area collecting taxes from all corporations, multinational corporations. There were no specifics," he said.

Duterte said it was a public knowledge in the region that some companies did give money to rebel groups so that their operations would not be disrupted.

NPA extortion

Southern Mindanao police spokesperson Supt. Eric Javier told the INQUIRER the NPA had been extorting money from companies.

He said the police had been telling companies not to give money but some secretly channeled funds to the rebels to avoid being attacked.

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Gov't rules out reduced Metro water supply

THE GOVERNMENT has ruled out any reduction in the water supply for households in Metro Manila, at least until the middle of May, despite the drop in water reserves to crisis levels.

The Angat reservoir which supplies water to Metro Manila breached the critical 180-meter mark a few days ago. As of 8 a.m. yesterday, Angat's water line was recorded at 179.2 meters.

But Environment Secretary Elizea Gozun stressed in an INQUIRER interview that "domestic water use will not be affected" despite the Angat reservoir's alarming depletion.

"The only reason we are calling it a (water) crisis is we can no longer supply the irrigation" requirements of farmers who depend on Angat, she said.

"There will still be no rationing" as far as Metro Manila households are concerned, she added.

Rationing may only be considered as one of the "possible" options if heavy rains ushering in the wet season do not come by the middle of May, she said.

As this developed, the government has begun to implement measures to address the water requirements of farmlands near the metropolis.

An initial P10 million was released yesterday for the purchase of water pumps to be installed in Bulacan and Pampanga.

The Department of Environment and Natural Resources said some 140 water pumps would be used to irrigate some 1,217 hectares of rice fields in the two provinces, areas most affected by the government's water conservation measures the past four months.

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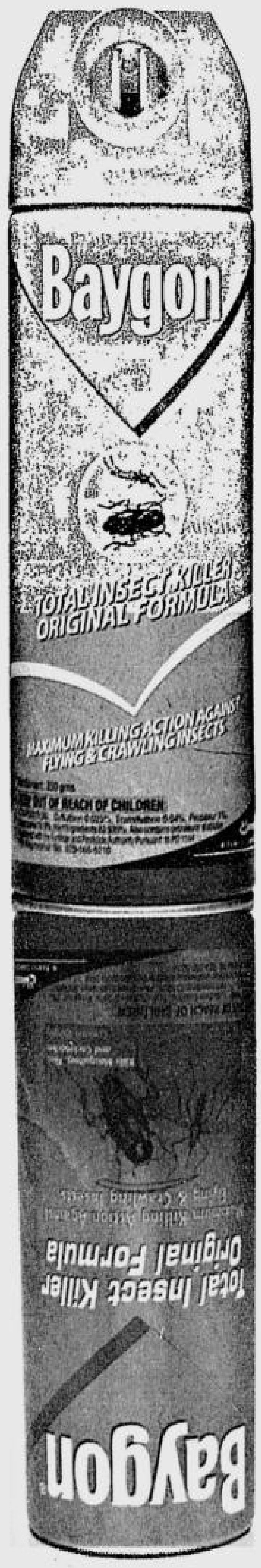
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Braganza: From House to Palace to 'municipio'

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The friend described a situation where President Macapagal-Arroyo asked to see Braganza ASAP. It was a Saturday afternoon, and the Cabinet member was in baggy Bermuda shorts and a baseball shirt, at a planning session with his staff.

His driver had been sent off on an errand, but no *problemo*. Braganza called the driver to swing by the house for fancy duds, while he jumped into a taxicab to meet with his boss.

He rendezvoused with his driver, jumped into a *barong* in the men's room of a restaurant nearby, met the President at the Kamuning Church where she was to be godmother at a wedding, and was back at the planning session in an hour's time.

Coming home

In Alaminos, meanwhile, the people there felt strongly that Braganza was needed on the home front.

When Braganza went home to visit his parents' graves in November last year, the townsfolk—poor, middle class and wealthy—all pounced on him good and hard. Then, says his kid sister Ella, a councilor running for reelection, he kept having dreams about their parents cajoling him to run and look after the people of Alaminos.

Braganza does not want to talk about this: "Do you want people to think I'm Looney Toons?"

His would-be constituents in Alaminos don't care. They want their "Nani" back. They say they need him, "a born leader," if their city is to prosper.

Palace insiders say the President wasn't ready to let him go. Executive Secretary Alberto Romulo flatly told him, "We need you here." Still, the people of Alaminos, having lit many months' worth of candles, finally won him over. Braganza does not appear to feel any pain from the giant step down, nor the loss of whatever. The wining and dining perks galore, a retinue of deputies, aides and bodyguards. All gone.

His story

Old sepia photos in the home his grandfather built in 1917, a large, lovely *bahay-na-bato* heritage home in the city's center, filled with antique furniture, tell part of the politician's story. His father, Dr. Pedro Braganza Jr. was a physician and mayor of Alaminos. His uncle, Enrique Braganza was governor of Pangasinan and first district congressman. Another uncle, Agapito Braganza, was also a mayor. Fidel V. Ramos is his mother's first cousin.

His mother held her own as a teacher, a public school supervisor, executive director of the Girl Scouts of the Philippines, and founder of the Mary the Queen Educational Foundation, a grade school and high school.

FLASHING dimples, pumping flesh, the local boy who made good feels right at home in Alaminos, Pangasinan, even after walking the corridors of powers.

In 1983, while taking up a course in history and political science, Braganza formed the De La Salle Students' Democratic Alliance. He was also elected president of the university's Student Council, as well as National chair of the National Union of Students in the Philippines, the umbrella organization for all student councils.

This was also the year Sen. Benigno Aquino was assassinated, and the student protest movement took to the streets in tens of thousands. Among the leading street parliamentarians was Braganza. When his name appeared on the dreaded Marcos arrest list, he was forced to go underground.

Surfacing after Edsa I, his career as a politico was launched in 1987 when he ran and won as municipal councilor of Alaminos at the age of 23.

Spice Boys

Despite being an FVR nephew, he ran as an independent and won in the 1995 congressional race. He ran again in 1998 and won. It was during his second term as congressman of Pangasinan's 1st District that he and five other young congressmen earned the "Spice Boys" monicker for their good looks and their vocal criticism of Joseph Estrada's administration.

Few outside of those involved are aware of the key role the Spice Boys played in Estrada's impeachment. At the outset, only 43 opposition congressmen endorsed the impeachment, a long way from the 78 votes needed for the hearings to commence.

The Spice Boys—who also included Reps. Ricky Sandoval, Michael Defensor, Juan Miguel Zubiri and Ace Barbers—were all over town persuading political bigwigs to call in their chips with whichever congressman owed them favors. At the historical impeachment proceedings held at the Senate, the prosecution panel sorely needed a secretariat; Braganza became chair, and Rolando Andaya Jr., co-chair.

Among pieces of legislation Braganza co-authored in Congress were the Agriculture and Fisheries Modernization Act, the Clean Air Act and the Irrigation Crisis Act—all pertaining to the land and the environment, issues close to Braganza's small-town roots. It was only natural that the President named him agrarian reform secretary a month after she was sworn in, in 2001.

His first year at DAR, he overshot the President's 2001 goal for land distribution by 107 percent, giving out 104,000 hectares to 72,000 agrarian reform beneficiaries, and in 2002, another 105,000 hectares to 70,000 farmers. In view of his negotiating skills, and his former underground connections, the President also appointed him member of the government peace panel negotiating with the Communists in Oslo.

"I don't give a (cussword) if I have to hold office under a mango tree," he said when palace adviser Rigoberto Tiglao refused to cede his office to Braganza when the latter was appointed press secretary.

The out-of-the-box thinker was appointed presidential adviser for political affairs in June 2003, a clear sign that President Macapagal had faith in his broad range of skills, whether organizational, or involving plans and strategies for governance.

Coming home

Now it's time to deal with the problems of his would-be constituents.

"We must be the only town in the Philippines without a public market," says Manuel Sangalang, president of the Federation of Alaminos Market Vendors.

The Alaminos public market burned down in 1999 and has not been rebuilt.

"Nani has talked to a private land owner. He says it may take two years before he can give us a public market, but he'll take care of us," Sangalang says.

Braganza dreams of making Alaminos the rice granary of Pangasinan.

"I was able to bring home P5 million from President GMA to build irrigation canals," he told farmers at the Pogo Farmers Cooperative. With an irrigation system, farmers could harvest rice up to three times a year.

Braganza plans to talk to a Metro Manila mayor or two to provide a trading post for his farmers' produce, cooperative to cooperative, eliminating the middlemen, and getting fairer prices for their vegetables, fruit and *bangus* (milkfish).

Lest we forget, the 24-room hospital from his congressional countrywide development fund is almost finished, a bypass road has been completed, as well as some barrio roads.

Spartan home

A visit to his rented home in Quezon City where Braganza has lived for several years, shed light on how amazingly painless it has been to say "goodbye to all that." In stark contrast to the well-appointed ancestral home furnished by his grandparents and parents in Alaminos, no plush couches or expensive fixtures adorn his almost-Spartan living room. A utilitarian glasstop table and a few fiberglass chairs squeezed into the small lanai serve as meeting space.

What you see is what you get: a simple (but slightly nuts) no-frills guy, with a smart, pretty but equally simple make-up-free wife Stella, 34, and a newborn baby, Patricia Isabel. Braganza has three sons: Carlo Dominic, 18; Lean, 17, and Pedro Luis, 2.

It's a long way from "Yes, Madame President," to "*Kumusta ngay, Apo?* (how are you, grandfather?)," but flashing dimples and warmly pumping flesh, this Alaminos boy revels in it. So do the people, obviously.

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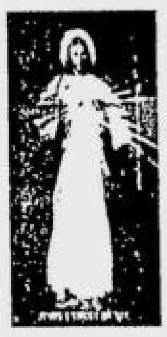

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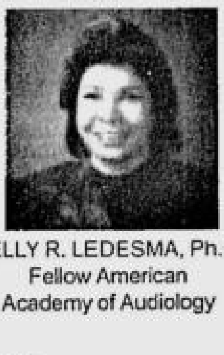

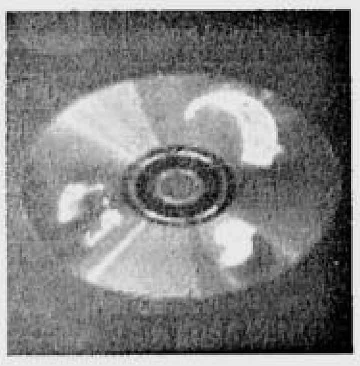

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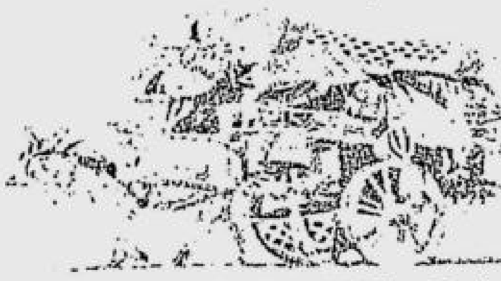

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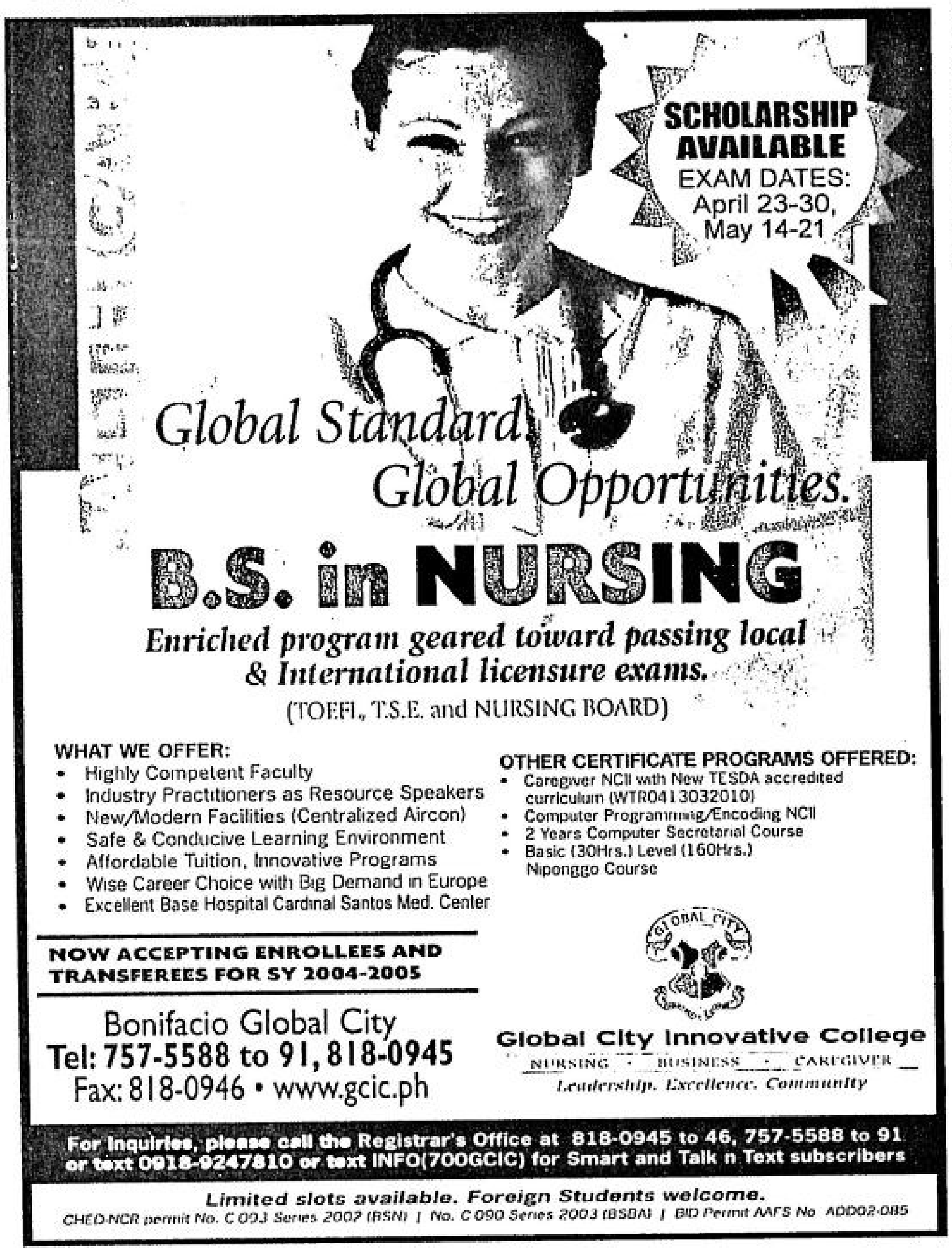
The Chinese vessel, with a gross tonnage of 30 tons and measuring 20 meters in length, tried to flee in the direction of the Malaysian border.

But the Apolinario Mabini was able to cut it off some six nautical miles off Fearless Shoal.

Mabini personnel then boarded the Chinese vessel and asked for identification and other documents, which the crew could not produce.

The Mabini escorted the vessel to Puerto Princesa City where it turned over the Chinese crew to the Provincial Committee on Illegal Entrants.

The Spratlys is being claimed in whole or in part by the Philippines, Malaysia, Vietnam, China, Taiwan and Brunei. Fearless Shoal had been claimed by the Philippines. *Alcuin Papa*



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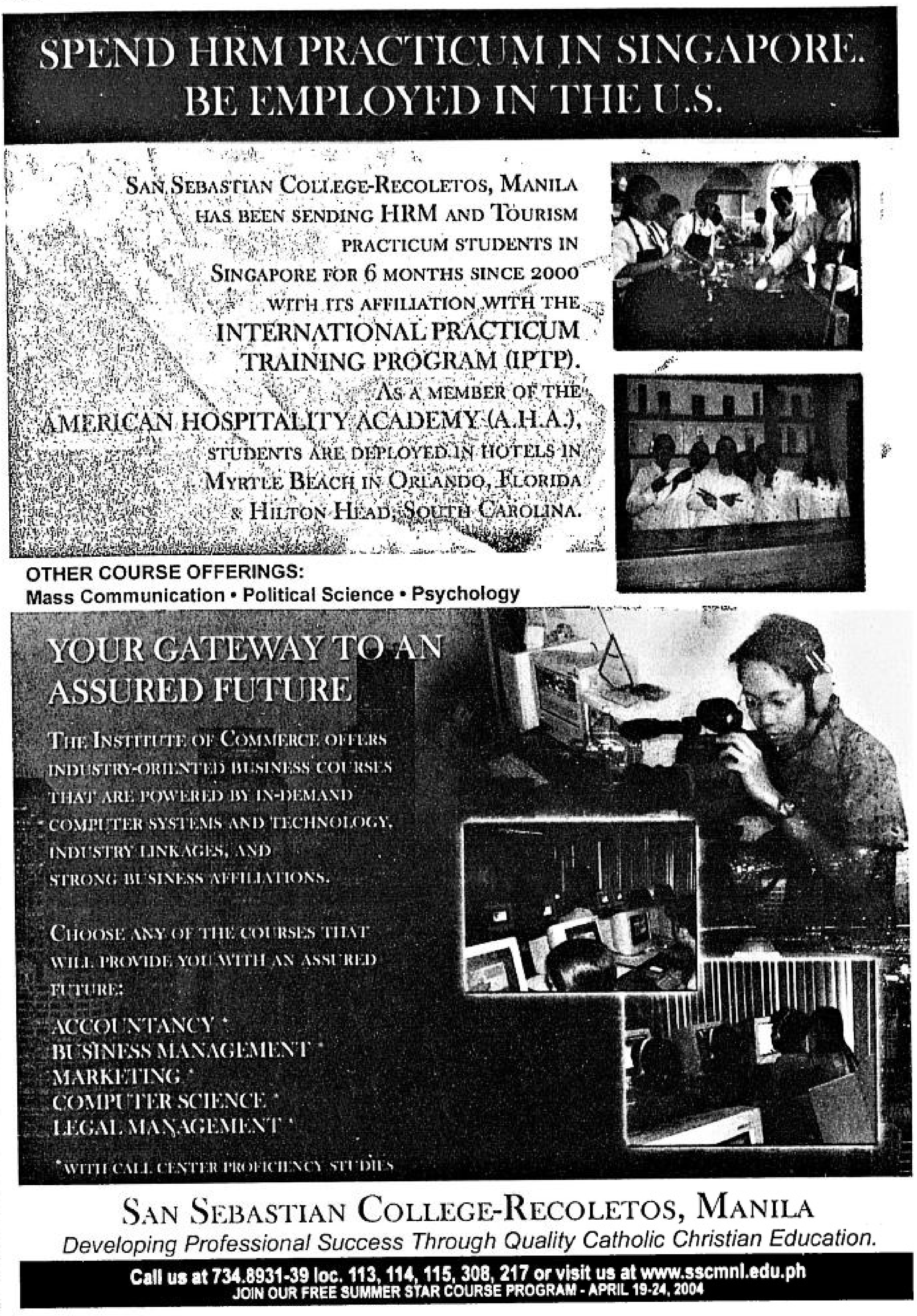

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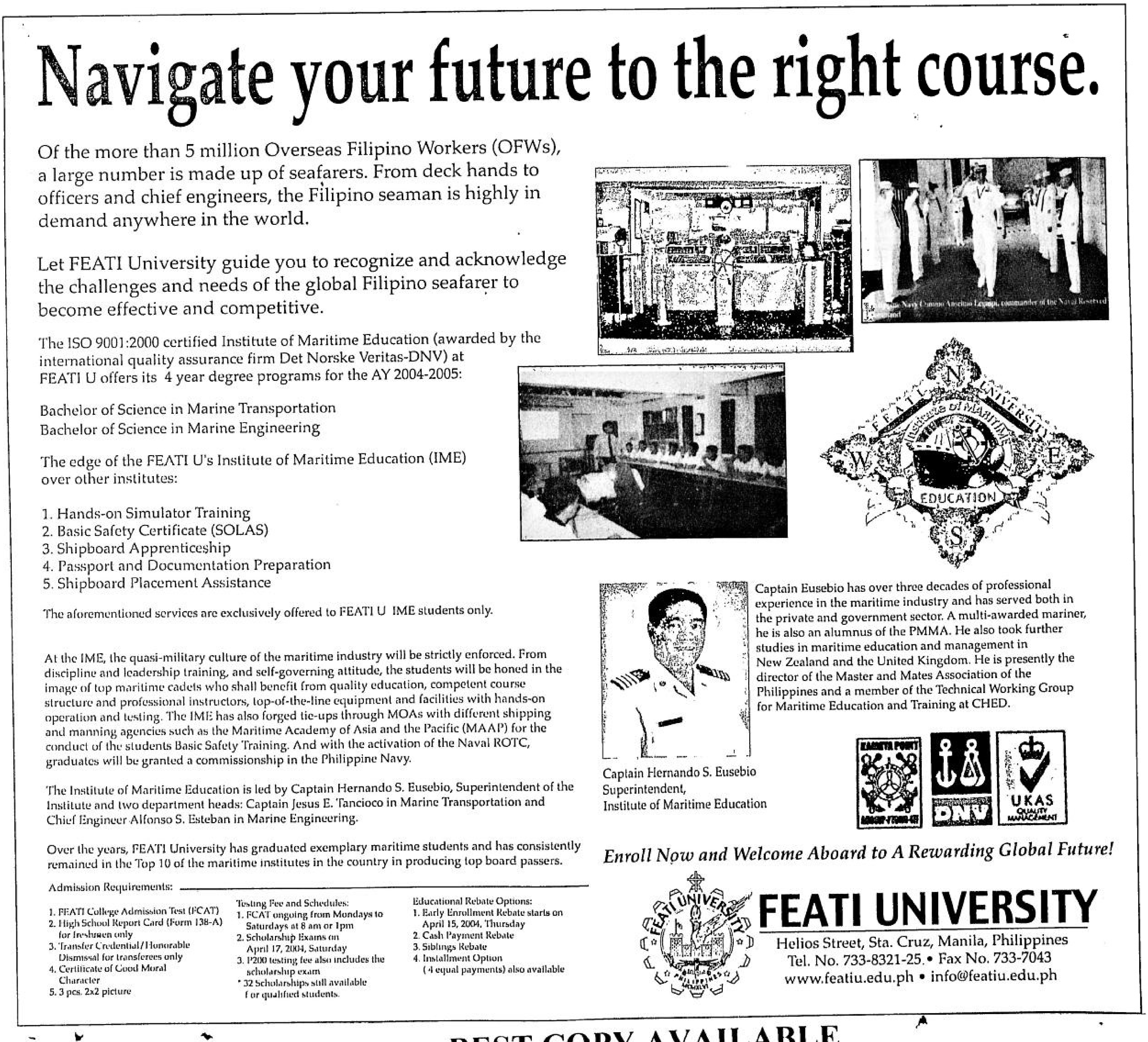

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Sino fishers nabbed off Spratlys

THE PHILIPPINE Navy yesterday apprehended 14 Chinese fishermen poaching around Fearless Shoal in the contested Spratly Islands.

Navy spokesperson Capt. Geronimo Malabanan said the BRP *Apolinario Mabini* was patrolling around southern Palawan when it spotted the China-registered [illegible] m.

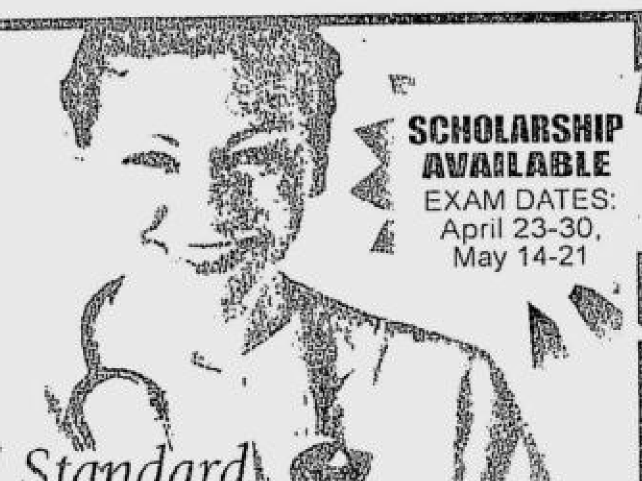
[illegible] gross tonnage of 30 [illegible] in length, tried to [illegible] the Malaysian border.

[illegible] Mabini was able to cut it off some six nautical miles off Fearless Shoal.

Mabini personnel then boarded the Chinese vessel and asked for identification and other documents, which the crew could not produce.

The Mabini escorted the vessel to Puerto Princesa City where it turned over the Chinese crew to the Provincial Committee on Illegal Entrants.

The Spratlys is being claimed in whole or in part by the Philippines, Malaysia, Vietnam, China, Taiwan and Brunei. Fearless Shoal had been claimed by the Philippines. *Alcuin Papa*



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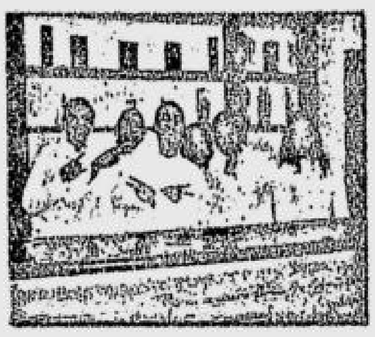

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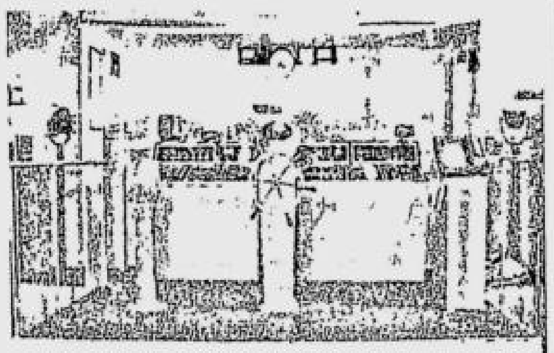

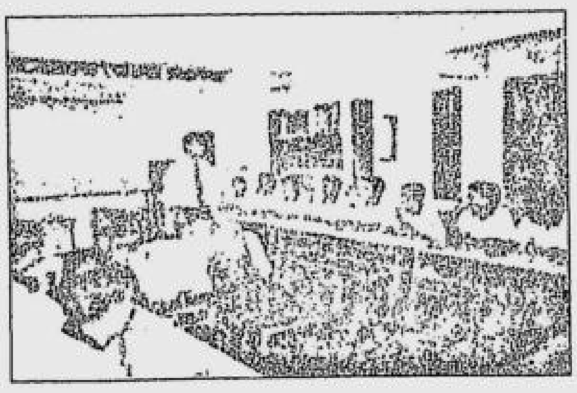

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McCann-Erickson chair's hubby ...

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looking for plants to bring home to Narra Street, United Homes Village in Parañaque yesterday morning.

Police said Abrera was dragged several feet after he was hit at around 11:45 a.m. by Philippine National Railways Train 403 that was on the southbound tracks on its way to Alabang.

Southbound tracks

Jerez Gaoaen of the Parañaque police said Abrera, chair of CCI Asia Television Inc. and husband of McCann Erickson-Philippines chair Emily Abrera, was at Natty's Garden along the railroad tracks near the East Service Road in Western Bicutan, Taguig, when the accident happened.

Abrera had stepped onto the southbound railroad tracks while looking at plants when the train approached, Gaoaen said. Police said it was possible that Abrera thought the train was on the northbound tracks, which is why he did not move away when the train approached.

Abrera was dragged about 35 feet after being hit. Police said his skull was crushed and his right arm was severed. He was declared dead on the spot.

Gaoaen added that Abrera came to the plant shop with a househelp, but she had left before the accident happened.

PNR dispatcher Danny Berton said yesterday that all PNR trains, including Train 403 driven by Arnold Calaguas, were equipped with horns that are sounded to announce their approach. Jose Ma. Sarasola, PNR general manager, said the PNR and the Parañaque police are coordinating in the investigation of the incident.

The Palawan-born Abrera was on top of the successful team that launched "Isla," a television channel that features advocacy initiatives by government, the private sector and civil society organizations, apart from focusing on prime destinations and lifestyle patterns in Asia.

EMILY AND CALOY ABRERA: College sweethearts were "tremendous" partners even after 35 years of marriage.

Incurable optimist

The soft-spoken Abrera, described by friends as an incurable optimist and always upbeat, had told INQUIRER columnist Rina David once that he wanted to use the media "to create hope, rather than foster hopelessness ... to empower a community of advocates and evolve an ecosystem of transformation."

"Caloy is a tremendous partner," Emily recounted in an INQUIRER article last year, recalling her 35-year marriage to Abrera whom she met at the steps of the University of the Philippines College of Arts and Sciences building where they were both enrolled. "He has never been threatened by my success. There is reciprocity in our marriage. What I earn makes it possible for him to pursue his interests which in turn gives me a chance to do something socially relevant."

Fond of nature, plants and outdoor living, Abrera, together with Emily and his two children Paolo and Joanna, once tried to farm on land owned by the Abrera family in Coron, Palawan.

He also loved carpentry work and, on weekends, friends would find him doing the finish on a table or a chair hewn from local hardwood.

Abrera also labored on the design and concept of their house—a favorite subject of lifestyle and architectural journals—together with architect (and INQUIRER columnist) Augusto Villalon.

Cool guy

"My father-in-law was a cool guy, a true gentleman who was well-loved by everyone in the community," said Martin del Prado, Joanna's husband. "There was no mean bone in his body."

Poet Alfred Yuson was in Baguio for a writer's conference when he learned the news about his best buddy of almost 35 years.

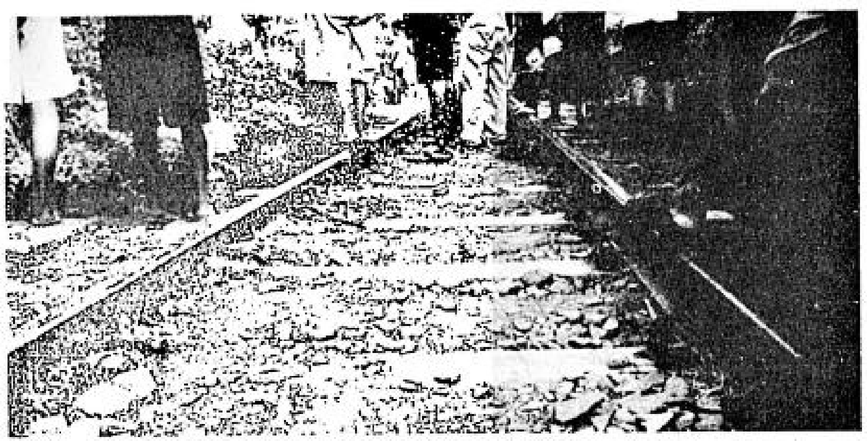
"I was so shocked," he told the INQUIRER, his voice choked with emotion. "Just last Wednesday, we met at (the late painter) Santi's (Bose) exhibit in Manila. We were even discussing a video documentary on writers he would help me produce. I had no idea that would be the last time I would see him."

Yuson's fondest memories of his friend included "taking jeepney rides with Caloy and Emily all the way to Father's Moustache in Ermita in the late '60s, the long talks we had about everything and anything."

Very Caloy

"It was just like Caloy," Yuson kept telling the INQUIRER. "It was very Caloy, looking for plants for his home."

Abrera's cremation was set at the Manila Memorial Park in Parañaque last night. His family—wife Emily, children Joanna and Martin (Del Prado), and Paolo and Susie (Entrata), and grandchildren Carlos, Julio, Sofia, Sabine and Leona—will receive friends at the St. Martin de Porres chapel where his remains will be brought, a few yards away from their home on Narra Street.



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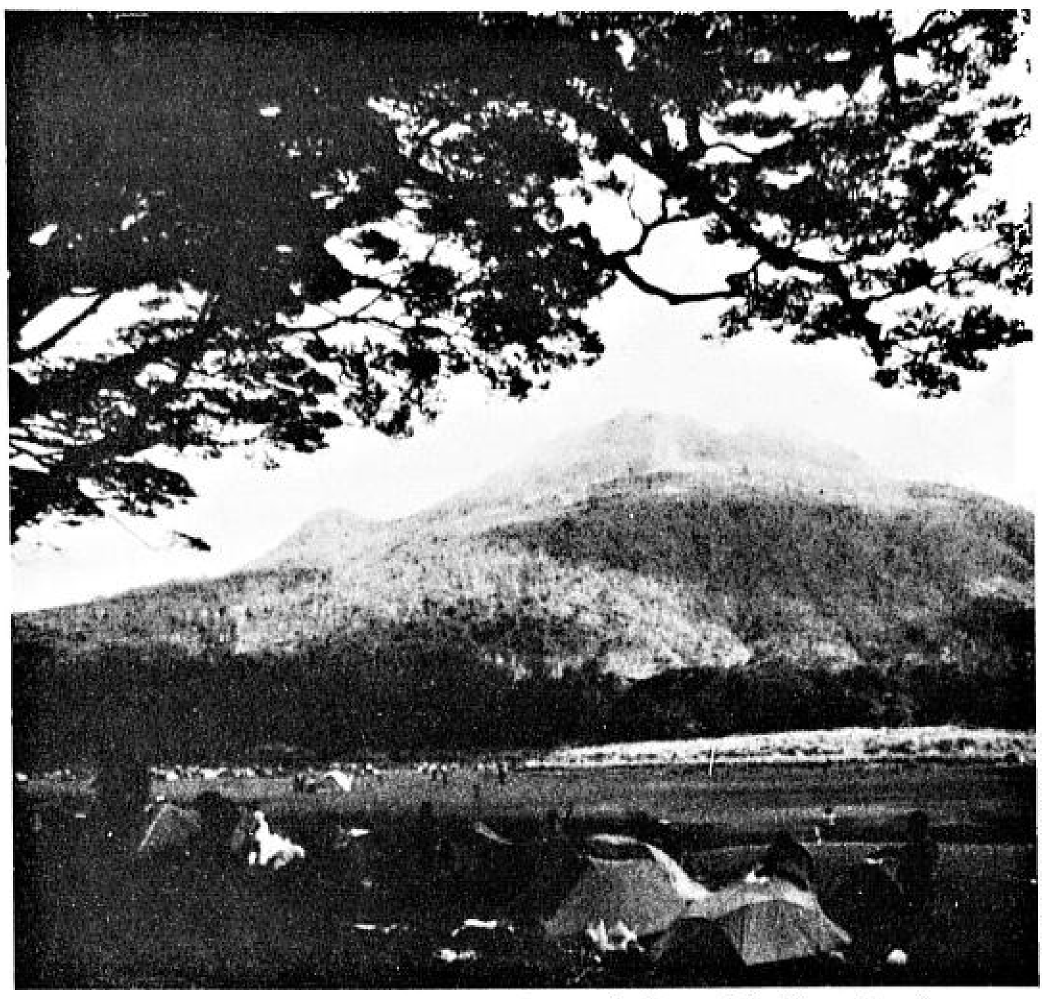
WHERE Carlos Abrera fell on the southbound tracks near the East Service Road in Western Bicutan, Taguig, while buying plants for his home.



RYAN LIMPDI MINDANAO BUREAU

LIKE worshippers at the mountain's foot, members and officers of the Mountaineering Federation of the Philippines Inc. set up camp before the climb.

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A VIEW of sunrise from the peak rewards participants of the Mt. Apo Clean Up and Climb project.

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Mt. Apo cleanup collects 500 kilos of garbage

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Roger Layson, spokesperson of the Department of Tourism, said the result of the cleanup drive was depressing.

He said an investigation was urgently required to determine whether Mt. Apo should be totally closed to any mountaineering activity.

What appears to aggravate the situation is the sale of food, cigarettes, soda, hard liquor and even bar chow like *balut* at the peak and at the Lake Venado area.

"I don't climb during the Holy Week because I know how crowded and how dirty it can get," a mountaineer told the INQUIRER. "Summer or Holy Week and October climbs are usually the worst climbs. There will always be garbage on Mt. Apo."

Manoling strikes again

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training his sights on presidential candidates Fernando "Ronnie" Poe Jr. and Sen. Panfilo "Ping" Lacson.

But he stresses that he just wants to "make a stand because this is the moment of truth."

Morato says he has known Poe, standard-bearer of the Koalisyon ng Nagkakaisang Pilipino and his *compadre*, for almost 35 years.

He takes a swipe at Poe's handlers for "making it appear that he's a very nice guy and an image-model for [Filipino] beer drinkers."

"But did you know that it only takes two bottles of beer to make Ronnie Poe tipsy, if not disoriented?" Morato says, describing this supposed drinking "weakness" as "common knowledge in local show business."

But Morato does not say whether he was present at any of Poe's legendary drinking sessions, where the endorser of a popular beer brand supposedly lost his bearings.

Here's more: "They also say FPJ is *maamo* and that he's a very humble person. Well, it's because he is being asked to project himself as somebody who is nice and humble. But he is not. He is also the difficult type, and a very stubborn person, too."

Secretive

According to Morato, what he's saying about Poe is "nothing personal."

The man "can also be very secretive," he says.

Dig this: "The day Ronnie Poe announced his presidential bid, he and [wife] Susan Roces came at 9 a.m. to pray in my chapel [at the family compound on Tomas Morato Avenue, Quezon City] where there's an image of the Lady of Manaoag.

"Susan has been coming here to pray, but that morning Ronnie Poe joined her for the first time. I asked him about his political plans, but he didn't say a thing.

"Then at 11 a.m., I saw him on TV announcing his candidacy to his supporters at the Manila Hotel."

Morato says that "when it comes to mental capacity, *kulang siya* (he is lacking), so he really has to project himself as somebody *na marunong makisama* (who can get along with others). *Porke wala siyang ibubuga* (Because he doesn't have what it takes)."

Actually, Morato says, Poe and his best friend, ousted President Joseph Estrada, have "the same bad habits."

But in Morato's estimation, Estrada "seems more open about his shortcomings, unlike Ronnie Poe who is more reserved, if not secretive."

Alzheimer's disease

Morato twits Lacson for running for president: "Ping Lacson once fiercely stated that he hated politics and would never enter it. Where is he now?

"Are many of our politicians suffering from Alzheimer's disease, or have our people been lobotomized?

"Promises, promises, they are for the birds. We cannot live on promises."

Reminded that President Macapagal-Arroyo, whom he describes as the "hardest one to beat" in the May elections, also told the nation in December 2002 that she would not run, he retorts:

"The President's going back on her word is a non-issue. She said it at a time of great need, if only to quash a coup that was in the offing that January [2003]. It was meant to pacify and to stabilize the nation at a time when rebel soldiers were up to something nasty, which did materialize in July last year."

He says that "the more people like Vice President Teofisto Guingona try to destroy" his candidate, "the more I am convinced to help her all I can."

Morato is back in the government, as a director of the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office.

He was PCSO chair and general manager during the Ramos administration.

The WORLD

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US soldier held hostage in Iraq

BAGHDAD—An Arabic television station Friday broadcast footage of a US soldier held hostage by insurgents in Iraq, and friends of the soldier's family who saw the videotape confirmed his identity, making him the first US soldier known to be held hostage in Iraq.

Also on Friday, three Czech hostages and one Canadian were freed, and US President George W. Bush and British Prime Minister Tony Blair vowed not to be deterred by the increasingly violent insurgency gripping Iraq.

In the videotape broadcast by the al-Jazeera network in Doha, the soldier is shown sitting on the ground, surrounded by masked gunmen, saying, "My name is Keith Matthew Maupin."

He is wearing a desert camouflage uniform and floppy hat, stares constantly at the floor and away from the camera and says he is married with a 10-month-old child.

The translator says the soldier is in good health, had come to Iraq to "liberate" it, and did not wish to be there as he preferred staying with his child.

"The Mujahedeen (Muslim fighters) have detained an American soldier... and he is being treated as a prisoner, in line with Islamic religion and he is in good health," said the speaker.

"We are keeping him to exchange him for some of our detainees," he said.

In the midwestern US state of Ohio, a longtime family friend who saw the tape confirmed that the soldier was Army Private Matthew Maupin.

"Our prayers have been answered," Jan Rolland told reporters from her home in Withamsville, Ohio, near Cincinatti.

"I'm sitting here looking at him right now," she said. "It's him!"

Pam Dunn, a close friend of Maupin's mother, Carolyn, said: "It's really hard to sit back and watch somebody you care for go through something like this. It's hit so close to home it boggles my mind."

Capt. Bruce Frame, a US Central Command spokesperson in Tampa, Florida, said Centcom "is reviewing tape, we have not confirmed identity.. The service member identifies himself as PFC (private first class) Maupin, which is the name of one of the two soldiers missing.

"We don't know the abductors or what their demands are."

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Bush planned Iraq war in Dec. 2001, says book

WASHINGTON—President George W. Bush was planning to attack Iraq in December 2001 despite public assurances Washington was seeking a diplomatic solution to the standoff with Baghdad, according to a new book whose excerpts were made public here.

The book, titled "Plan of Attack," was written by Bob Woodward, the Washington Post reporter who along with Carl Bernstein unveiled the Watergate scandal that led to President Richard Nixon's resignation in 1974.

Woodward is currently an assistant managing editor at the Post.

He writes that Bush met repeatedly with his war cabinet in late 2001—three months after the Sept. 11 terror attacks on the United States—to plan the US attack on Iraq, according to excerpts made available to his newspaper Friday.

"Nice try," Bush told Deputy CIA Director John McLaughlin during one of those meetings on Dec. 21, 2002, after the latter showed him satellite pictures and transcripts of electronic intercepts on Iraq.

"It's not something that Joe Public would understand or would gain a lot of confidence from," the president continued.

Bush then asked CIA Director George Tenet if that was all the agency was able to produce on Iraq's weapons of mass destruction.

But Tenet, according to the book, asked the president not to worry, insisting that the case against the regime of Saddam Hussein was a "slam dunk." The book said the president made a firm decision to take military action against Iraq in January 2003.

Bush was asked Friday at a news conference with visiting British Prime Minister Tony Blair whether he asked Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld to prepare war against Iraq as early as November 2001.

"You know, I can't remember exact dates that far back," he said.

"I do know this: that at a key meeting at Camp David the subject of Iraq—this is on September the 15th—we'd been attacked on September the 11th, obviously," Bush said.

"The 15th we sat down," he said. "I sat down with my national security team to discuss the response, and the subject of Iraq came up."

In more than three hours of interviews for Woodward's book, Bush said the secret planning was necessary to avoid "enormous international angst and domestic speculation" and that "war is my absolute last option," according to Post.

"I believe we have a duty to free people," Bush told Woodward. "I would hope we wouldn't have to do it militarily."

The war planning intensified in 2002 and was partly encouraged by the Central Intelligence Agency's conclusion that Saddam Hussein could only be ousted by force.

But Bush began holding regular meetings with Gen. Tommy Franks, then head of the US Central Command, to discuss military plans for the region as early as December 2001, when administration officials publicly insisted that diplomatic efforts designed to avoid war were still under way.

Woodward says Vice President Cheney was a "powerful" and "steamrolling force" behind war preparations.

The book also describes tense relations between Cheney and Secretary of State Colin Powell, who, according to Woodward, suspected the vice president of trying to link Iraq and the al-Qaida terror network by trying to portray ambiguous intelligence as fact.

Powell and Cheney practically don't speak to each other anymore, according to the book. *AFP*

BUSH (right) and British Prime Minister Tony Blair talking with the press during the latter's visit to the US April 16. AFP

What nuclear whistle-blower doesn't know scares Israel

By Dan Williams

TEL AVIV—With one newspaper interview, Mordechai Vanunu blew away Israel's cherished nuclear secrecy.

Now Israeli policy makers fear the 49-year-old whistle-blower could emerge from prison with new claims about his work at the Dimona reactor and that fantasy may be as harmful as fact.

"Who will guarantee that he will only speak the truth? What is to stop him imagining things?" Shabtai Shavit, a former chief of Israel's Mossad intelligence agency, said.

"The main consideration should be his intent to go on causing damage to Israel," said Shavit, who took part in secret deliberations on keeping Vanunu under surveillance when he ends an 18-year jail term next week.

In statements made through relatives, Vanunu has said he has nothing to add to his 1986 disclosures to Britain's Sunday Times newspaper—which led analysts to conclude Dimona had produced as many as 200 nuclear bombs and made Israel a military superpower.

A mid-level Dimona technician, Vanunu was fired in 1985 and converted to Christianity. After the Sunday Times interview, he was abducted by Mossad and tried as a traitor.

By all accounts, Vanunu is angry and distraught at his treatment and vowed to continue campaigning to expose Israel's non-conventional capabilities.

Ideology, ire

Israeli security veterans are worried by this mix of ideology and ire.

Some question the government's decision to keep Vanunu in the country, tap his phone and bar his access to the press for a probationary period after his release.

"I think it is a mistake to gag him," said David Kimche, a retired Mossad operative and foreign ministry chief of staff.

"It only bolsters Vanunu's supposed credibility and, in turn, pretty much anything he may choose to concoct about Israel."

Keen to ward off Middle East foes while avoiding regional arms races, Israel maintains a "strategic ambiguity" over its nuclear program. The policy also allows it to skirt US bans on supporting countries that proliferate non-conventional arms and thus receive $2.8 billion in annual aid from Washington.

The official Israeli reticence means a ready audience for individuals claiming to have been privy to national secrets.

Military censors are empowered by law to block reports that could be seen as a threat to Israel's security—but only those containing bona-fide information, not invention.

False reports

Israeli officials say that is how false reports got into newspapers that Israel had tested nuclear-type missiles in the Indian Ocean and that it tried at one time to develop a bomb that could target Arabs based on their genes.

The legality of what Israel can do is also an issue with Vanunu, who according to security sources was so set on having his say that last year that he rejected early release because it would have meant promising not to discuss Dimona in public.

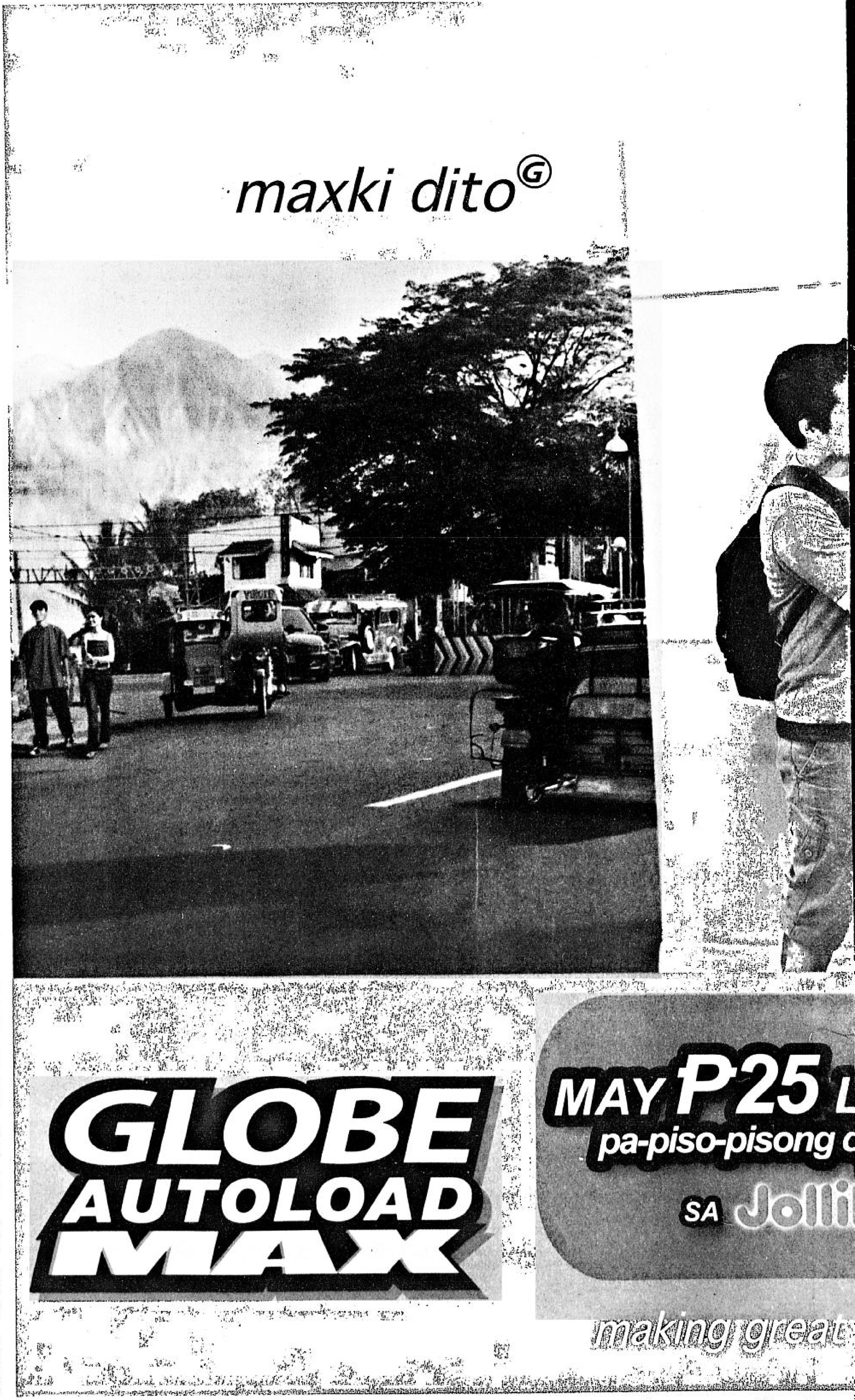
"Punishing a man who has spilled his secrets and done his time, on the assumption of a future guilt, seems little more than vindictive," said Vanunu's former lawyer Avigdor Feldman.

A justice ministry source allowed that, even within the generous parameters of emergency law, the case was problematic.

"There is no double jeopardy when it comes to treason. The non-disclosure contract Vanunu signed at Dimona is still in force. He can be prosecuted if he talks again," the source said.

"But as for him making things up—our options are more limited. We hope he understands that the ban on him leaving the country is open-ended, and will be lifted based on him showing good faith. After that we can only hope for the best."

The last convicted Israeli traitor to go free was Marcus Klingberg, who was jailed for 20 years for passing the Soviet Union information about his research on biological and chemical weapons at a secret plant outside Tel Aviv. *Reuters*



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Egyptian, Saudi arrested in Madrid bombings probe

MADRID—Spanish police arrested three new suspects in connection with the March 11 train bombings in Madrid, including the first Egyptian and the first Saudi detained in the case, officials said on Friday.

The three men, the third of whom was Moroccan, were arrested on Thursday in Madrid and were being questioned by police, a court official said. Earlier on Friday six Moroccan suspects were released after being cleared of involvement.

Interior Minister Angel Acebes said all three of the new detainees knew other suspects in the case, and the Moroccan had raised suspicion by disappearing from public view on the day of the attacks.

A Bosnian man wanted in Spain for suspected links to "Islamic terrorism" flew back to Spain from Sweden on Friday to turn himself in.

Spanish police arrested Sanel Sjekirica on Friday night on his arrival at Madrid's Barajas airport and he was taken to a police station for questioning, Europa Press news agency said.

An interior ministry spokesperson could not immediately be reached.

Sjekirica was reported to be eager to tell investigators he had nothing to do with the train bombings.

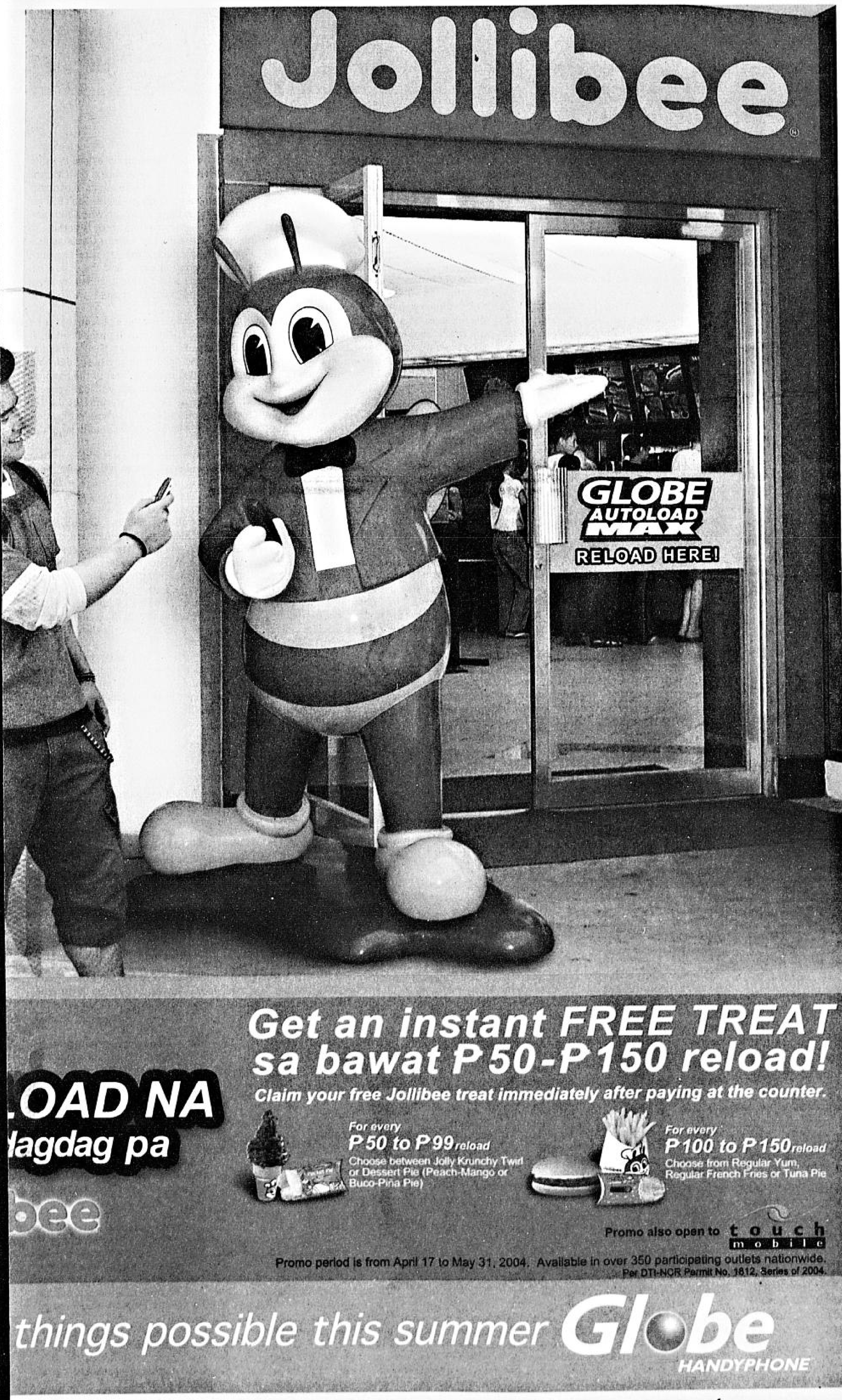
He told Bosnia-Herzegovina public radio this week that he temporarily shared a flat with one of the Madrid bombing suspects.

"I was renting a room from this guy when I was studying in Madrid. I have no other connection with him," Sjekirica said, according to a report monitored by the BBC.

Twenty-one people including 15 Moroccans are being held in connection with the March 11 attacks, which killed 191 people and wounded 1,900 three days before Spain's general election.

In a videotape recovered after seven suspected train bombers blew themselves up rather than surrender on April 3, three men promised more attacks in the name of al-Qaida unless Spain withdraws its troops from Iraq and Afghanistan.

The train bombings are the first attacks in the West linked to al-Qaida since the Sept. 11, 2001 strikes on the United States. Of the 19 hijackers in the attacks on New York and Washington, 15 were of Saudi origin and one Egyptian. *Reuters*



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Burma junta seen releasing Suu Kyi soon

RANGOON—Burma's opposition said Saturday it was expecting its leader Aung San Suu Kyi to be freed "very soon" after the ruling junta reopened its headquarters closed a year ago during a political crackdown.

"We are hoping and expecting Daw Aung San Suu Kyi and U Tin Oo to be released very soon, but we do not know the actual date," senior National League for Democracy (NLD) member Than Tun said.

The Nobel peace laureate and her deputy Tin Oo were taken into detention along with the rest of the NLD's leadership last May after a pro-junta gang attacked her convoy during a political tour of northern Burma.

The NLD's Rangoon headquarters was also slammed shut. Authorities removed the lock and chain at dawn Saturday in a move seen as a precursor to Aung San Suu Kyi's release before a constitutional convention to be held on May 17.

Two other top NLD members were released from house arrest on Tuesday, in another step toward rolling back the crackdown.

"Yes, the main office has been opened but the situation regarding the two persons remains unchanged," a military intelligence source said, referring to the pair who are confined to their homes.

Analysts said that as Saturday was traditional New Year's Day in Burma, the democracy campaigner was likely to remain in detention for at least several more days.

"We think their release will be later rather than sooner," said one observer, adding that the ruling generals would not want to appear to have caved in to pressure to free the Nobel peace laureate during the festival.

"They've already decided to release her, and if they procrastinate, they won't be able to take any credit for it. But if they release her today, it would look like they were doing it because of international pressure," he said.

The military intelligence source also said news of the development had been conveyed to Aung San Suu Kyi and Tin Oo. Only the main office was reopened at 6:35 a.m., and other branches nationwide remained closed. *AFP*

HIV scare hits US pornographic film industry

LOS ANGELES—The multimillion-dollar US pornographic film industry was reeling Friday from a two-month production shutdown after three X-rated actors tested positive for HIV.

The Adult Industry Medical Health Care Foundation (AIM), which monitors the health of adult film actors, announced the moratorium and testing on Thursday and said actor Darren James tested positive for HIV, the virus that causes AIDS.

Lara Roxx and Dynasty, two actresses who appeared in movies with James, have tested positive. The industry is now gearing up to examine more than 45 other actors.

The production halt follows months of warnings from medical organizations that opposed films in which actors do not use condoms. Only 17 percent of actors wear condoms, according to the AIM.

The AIM frequently tests adult film stars for HIV, and the last actor to test positive was Tony Montana in 1999.

While X-rated production giant Vivid and other producers canceled filming, some in the industry worried about the moratorium's financial consequences.

"I'm against any stop in production," said Tyler Cash, a producer with Sinamotion Pictures. "It will put a lot of people out of business. You'll have people who will start losing their apartments. It's just not fair."

Ric Williams, general manager of production company Private USA, said: "At this time Private has decided to halt productions, as our chief concern is the health and safety of our talent," according to the website Adult Industry News.

"Our best wishes, hopes and prayers are with those who might be affected by the current climate," he added.

Several porn production companies are based north of Los Angeles in the San Fernando Valley. *AFP*

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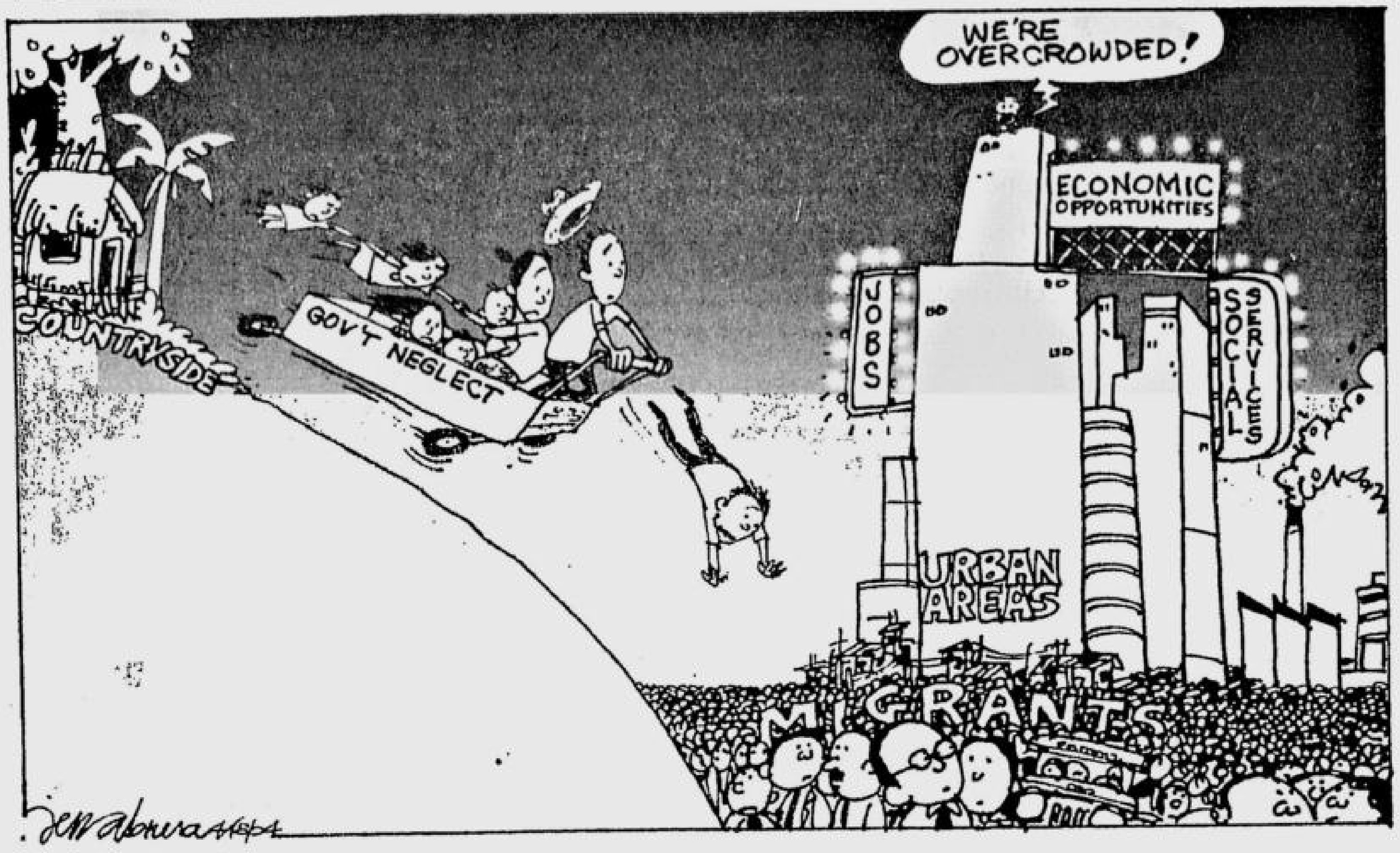

The others

EDITORIAL

IT may be stating the obvious, but the country isn't electing a dictator in May. Or, at least, the electorate shouldn't think it is. The government is much more than the presidency, and governance is much more than having a president and vice president. This late in the campaign, it's clear that the electorate needs to do some hard thinking about the candidates for other positions.

These positions includes the 12 slots to be filled in the Senate, and the single slot voters get to fill out for party-list representatives. They also extend to the full panoply of positions that need to be filled, from representatives in the House, to governors, mayors and councilors.

The Senate race, for one, is proving to be interesting. Show-biz personalities are not, by any means, running clearly ahead of the pack, as many had feared when the campaign began. The same applies for veteran politicians who have had previous senatorial experience. The surveys reveal quite a mixed bag of candidates who seem poised to make it to the Senate. The question remaining for voters is, have they put enough thought into coming up with a balanced mix of choices, representing the kind of Senate they envision for the coming 13th Congress? The composition of the coming Senate can dramatically alter the present balance of forces in it. It can also spell disaster or success for any future administration.

The race for the House, as well, has two sides to it: the traditional districts, many of which will be controlled by the usual suspects from the oligarchy. But there is, too, the other House race, and that is for the party-list positions. The party-list system should serve as a foil to the purely parochial tendencies of run-of-the-mill congressmen. Instead, it has been steadily debased through a combination of manipulation by traditional politicians and their political blocks, and the ruthless exploitation of its bailiwicks by armed rebels who use their powers of intimidation to give their party-list candidates an advantage. The result is an unholy duality: local warlords and dynasties are doing to their districts what rebels using "revolutionary taxation" and their own armed forces are doing to further their political interests.

The party-list system is supposed to help enfranchise marginalized sectors. It isn't meant to further entrench traditional politicians or give political representation to rebels who operate beyond the pale of the law. Neither is it supposed to give a voice to purely ethnic or regionalistic organizations. In selecting their party-list representation, voters should consider which sectors give voice to groups that have no other means of obtaining a say in the way and manner laws are made.

From congressman to councilor, the voters' choice of local officials has national repercussions. At the back of their minds, voters should consider the nominal affiliations of candidates they intend to support. Added together, the party stripes of local candidates will compose the political landscape which everyone will have to deal with over the next three (at a minimum) to six (at a maximum) years. After all, voters run the risk of successfully electing their candidate of choice to the presidency, only to condemn that president to a system mired in gridlock.

The country will be facing many hard choices and grave challenges after May; the many choices voters make in May, however, will determine to a large extent how many choices will remain viable, or become permanently closed off from the start.

The sad reality is that as things stand, too many local races have already proven to be non-races. A large number of congressmen, governors and mayors are running unopposed. Not because they have been so good at their jobs that their constituents love them, but because they are either so rich or so feared, no one dares contest their positions. This represents a grave handicap to development and reform. For how can change be possible tomorrow, if change today is impossible to begin with?

The electorate, however, has three more weeks in which to do some hard thinking. To vote wisely requires taking time to think. The time to start thinking is now.

Defeat by default

SEPARATE OPINION

Isagani A. Cruz

FOR all his deceptive machismo on the silver screen, Fernando Poe Jr. cannot conceal his yellow streak in real life. He may seem invincible against his celluloid enemies, but there is one thing he is afraid of, and that is the debate. For the nth time now, the diminutive President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo has challenged him to a one-on-one confrontation on the current issues of the campaign, and the mighty King of Philippine Movies has timidly backed off. He is scared stiff of his petite opponent.

FPJ's fans should now have reason to shed off their adulation for the hero they thought could vanquish all his opponents with his fast fists and lethal bullets. He was courage personified at the *sinehan* but is now revealed as terrified of little Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo. The villains who sought to oppress Ang Panday all bit the dust with his mighty vengeance, but the doughty Gloria is not impressed. Now is the time for his followers to follow suit and find that their tottering idol has feet of clay.

Poe was quick enough to scold Sandra Aguinaldo in public for distracting him from his speech in Iloilo recently. The reporter was using an accepted journalistic practice when she positioned herself behind him while he was speaking, but apparently Da King did not know any better. He sarcastically offered the microphone to her and suggested that she deliver the speech herself. The poor girl, embarrassed before the big crowd, was reduced to helpless tears.

Characteristically, Sen. Vicente Sotto III, who is not known for his sound judgment, urged Sandra to apologize to Da King for her lese majeste. She refused, and good for her. Worse, Sen. Loren Legarda, who should not be unfamiliar with the mode of stand-up reporting, imitated Sotto and also called on Sandra to make her abject excuses to their angry candidate. Sandra also refused, and bravo for her again. In fact, it was Poe who should have apologized for his arrogance but he has not to date. Boos for his boorishness.

Poe could rudely treat Sandra in front of so many people because he probably felt she was not in his class. After all, he was Da King and the personal choice of Sotto, Legarda and even Edgardo Angara, not to mention their disreputable senatorial slate, for President of the Philippines. Sandra was not a politician and not even a candidate or at least a ward leader, nor was she expected to contribute to his campaign fund. She did not figure in his political schemes and so deserved the treatment he gave her.

But it was different where his challenger was President Macapagal, who was daring him—or taunting him?—to face her in a debate. This was a different character who should be treated with kid gloves and avoided, or better still evaded, as much as possible.

The debate offers Poe the opportunity to prove, if he can, that he has the competence and the courage to discuss the issues of the day with the person whose office he is seeking. He can show in this contest that he has an intelligence and knowledgeability of current issues far above his meager learning as a high school drop-out. And he can also prove, or at least try to, that he is not afraid of facing the President of the Philippines with all her political experience and intellectual endowments, as well as her access to the resources of the government.

Poe's evasive excuse that the debate is divisive is pure nonsense. This action star does not even understand the nature of a debate, which is disagreement. Every debate is divisive; the purpose is to determine the merits of contending—and not concurring—ideas. Can't FPJ see that? What is there to debate when both parties are in agreement and there is nothing to dispute? The issue between La Gloria and Da King is the conduct of the government, which the administration extols and the opposition attacks. That is the issue that Poe believes should not be discussed because it will divide the nation.

The nervous Poe raises the fear that if he becomes President, he will prohibit all criticism of his administration on the ground that such observations will be divisive. All debate will be banned in the interest of the national security; all oppositionists will be arrested. This recalls an eloquent warning of the US Supreme Court that "compulsory unification of opinion achieves only the unanimity of the graveyard."

It is obvious that, even as Poe believes that Sandra Aguinaldo is not in his class from the political viewpoint, he also understands that he is not in President Macapagal's class either when it comes to debating.

La Gloria is fluent in Filipino, English, Spanish and probably also Pampango and several other dialects. She holds degrees in Economics from several colleges here and Georgetown University in the United States. She has been a Cabinet member, senator, vice president and is now the President of the Philippines. Poe, by contrast, can speak only Filipino, some native dialects, and a little erratic English. Nothing more.

That is the reason why, as brave as he may seem against his enemies on film and even the spunky Sandra, he cannot be so reckless as to face President Gloria in a debate. On that uneven arena, FPJ must cravenly accept defeat by default.

Holding on

MOMENTS

Fr. Jerry M. Orbos, SVD

IN ONE of my pilgrimages, we had an elderly couple who were always holding each other's hands. Everywhere we went, the man would hold his wife's hand, help her and lead her. It was such an inspiring sight, especially to see the man with a cane on his left hand holding on to the wife with his right hand. One morning, I told him how edified I was to see them so sweet and so loving, holding on to each other after all these years. The old man looked at me with a blank stare and said *"Father, kung bibitawan ko ito, babagsak ito e* (Father, if I let go of her, she'll fall)!"

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In today's Gospel (Jn. 20, 19-31) in spite of their fear of the Jews, the disciples held on to their belief in the Resurrection. Their doors were locked, but their hearts were open. The whole world was against them, but they held on to the Lord, and to each other. Their faith was still very fragile, but they held on. Yes, they witnessed the signs, but, more than these, it was Jesus' presence that made them strong.

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Have you ever experienced a moment in your life when there was literally nothing to hold on to and yet you held on because it was the only thing you could do? Or perhaps, it was the right thing to do? Those were moments of faith, moments of courage. Let it not be said of us that we held on only when we were sure, because there were no risks involved, or because it was the easy thing to do. Today, ask yourself, why are you holding on to whatever it is you are holding on to?

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Last Holy Week, I was talking to a woman who held on to her baby. Six months ago, she found herself in a difficult predicament, but she chose the way of the cross instead of the quick fix. She held on, she said, because it was the right thing to do. For once, she wanted to do something right in her life, even if that meant facing an uncertain future and unfriendly people. As we talked, I could feel the inner joy that surpassed by far her fears and insecurities. This was a woman who was at peace with herself, with her God and with the world. The amazing thing is that she had forgiven those who wronged her. And, most of all, she had forgiven herself, too. Six months ago, she was a mess. Today, she is "over the hill" because she obeyed and climbed her calvary, every single step along the way. It was Holy Wednesday when we had that talk, but as I remember it now, it was already an Easter morning.

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The movie "The Passion of the Christ" made many of us realize the untold physical and emotional pains Jesus went through for us sinners. What struck me though was the determination of Jesus to go through the whole thing. He knew it was his mission to die. He held on, because it was his Father's will. It was pain to the max. It was also holding on and obedience to the max. Even Mary—especially Mary—accepted everything in obedience. May we all become more obedient. May we all live more God-driven lives.

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Another person who held on is Fatima, the 10-year-old, five-times-a-day dialysis blind girl whom I wrote about some months ago. Because this little girl believed and trusted, she is now a kidney recipient, and recovering very well. This little girl, with the trust and hope and courage she has displayed, is really amazing. Now, she is asking another impossible thing—sight. But again, for those who believe and hold on, nothing is impossible!

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Like Thomas, we must learn not to hold on to our doubts, our fears and insecurities. Fear is useless. What is needed is trust. Down the line, we must make a checklist of what or who we are holding on to. Why hold on to those that destroy us and destroy our peace? If you hold on to power, sin, vices, you will surely destroy yourself and your peace.

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Let us ask the risen Lord not only to help us know what we are holding on to, but also to help us see why we are holding on. Furthermore, let us ask to be given the grace to know when to hold on and when to let go.

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I have always found comfort and courage from these lines of Marco Sison's song "My Love Will See You Through": "When times get rough, and your dreams just fall apart, and sometimes you feel you can't go on. Be strong, hold on for my love will keep you warm through the coldest night, through the rain, through the storm. When friends turn their backs on you, and you're so helpless, you don't know what to do, I'll be on your side to comfort you, and my love will see you through." May we all feel and experience the risen Lord in our day to day lives.

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A moment with the Lord:

Lord, give me the courage to hold on, the grace to let go, and the wisdom to know when to hold on and when to let go. Amen.

'Against All Enemies'

REVEILLE

Ramon J. Farolan

LAST week the government decided to consider the possible withdrawal of Filipino peacekeeping forces from Iraq in the light of a deteriorating security situation in that country. Perhaps now is also the time for us to review the reasons for joining the "coalition of the willing" in the invasion of Iraq. Earlier we were told that Saddam Hussein was a brutal and ruthless dictator and that the Iraqi people needed help to get rid of him. He also was reported to possess weapons of mass destruction (WMD) and therefore posed a danger to world peace and security. Recent revelations and developments, however, put to doubt some of those arguments.

On the best seller list this season is a book written by Richard A. Clarke, National Coordinator for Security, Infrastructure Protection and Counterterrorism for both former US President Bill Clinton and incumbent President George W. Bush. In the administration of the elder Bush, he was Assistant Secretary of State for Politico-Military Affairs and a member of the National Security Council Staff. His credentials as an anti-terrorism expert are impeccable, making his testimony before the 9/11 Commission, which is investigating the worst terror attacks in America, highly credible. He retired in March 2003 after 30 years of service in the Federal Government.

In his book "Against All Enemies," Clarke makes a number of accusations against the Bush administration, perhaps the most serious of which is that the Bush White House considered terrorism an important problem but not an urgent one, certainly not a top priority. The attention from day one of the Bush presidency was Iraq, with Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz insisting that the focus on al-Qaida was incorrect and that the United States had to go after Iraqi-sponsored terrorism. In a security meeting, Wolfowitz told Clarke, "You give Bin Laden too much credit. He could not do all these things without a state sponsor." The day following the September 11 attacks, Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld was talking of "broadening the objective of our response by getting Iraq." Later in the evening, President Bush in a closed door meeting with aides directed them to "See if Saddam did this. See if he is linked in any way." When told that al-Qaida was responsible he replied, "I know, I know, but see if Saddam is involved." Again he was informed that there were no linkages to Iraq. He testily pursued the matter by repeating, "Look into Iraq, Saddam."

Bush's obsession with Saddam is understandable. Some 10 years earlier his father, former President George H. W. Bush, was the target of an assassination plot hatched by the Iraqi intelligence service during a visit to Kuwait.

A sophisticated bomb had been placed in a Toyota Land Cruiser to be detonated by radio as the elder Bush and the Emir of Kuwait drove by. The plot failed because the bomb was discovered after the vehicle had earlier been involved in a traffic accident. Considering the above circumstances, the attack on Saddam could have been partly motivated by the attempt on the life of Bush One with the 9/11 attacks providing the trigger mechanism for the eventual invasion of Iraq.

Up to this day, there is still no hard evidence that Saddam worked hand-in-hand with al-Qaida on the 9/11 highjackings. In an interview on "60 Minutes," Clarke pointed at Bush declaring that, "Americans went to their death in Iraq thinking that they were avenging September 11." (Time Magazine, April 5, 2004)

Clarke also recounts how al-Qaida came about.

After the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan in 1979, the United States organized a group of Arabs for the fight against the Russians. "The Saudis took the lead in assembling these volunteers and relied on a wealthy construction family to handle the organizational aspects. A son of this family, known as Usama bin Laden was selected to recruit, move, train and indoctrinate the Arab volunteers headed for Afghanistan." (Note the spelling of Usama instead of the more widely used Osama.) Many of the recruits were misfits in their own society. Some were from Muslim Mindanao in the Philippines. After the Soviet withdrawal, they would form part of a front organization, the Afghan Services Bureau, made up of veterans of the Afghan wars which became the core group of the terror network known as al-Qaida. Clarke says that a Philippine affiliate chapter named after a hero of the Afghan war, Abu Sayyaf, was later organized by Ramzi Yousef who was involved in a plot to assassinate the Pope during a visit to Manila.

Most Filipinos look upon the Abu Sayyaf as basically a bunch of vicious, sadistic, kidnap-for-ransom bandits and fail to appreciate the fact that they are connected to the al-Qaida terror network. It is therefore important that our security authorities remain vigilant in order to prevent Madrid-type acts of terrorism that can cause havoc and demoralization among our people. The recent arrest of Abu Sayyaf elements in Metro Manila indicates a widening of their area of operations.

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For quite sometime, my good friend, Anthony Fernandez, was in the doldrums as far as his golf game was concerned. Suddenly on Easter Sunday, he rose from the grave, scoring a hole-in-one at the par-3, hole No. 3 of the Philippine Navy golf course. To complete his resurrection, he also nailed an eagle at the par-4, hole No. 11 along with a couple of birdies to completely dominate his partners Renato Francisco, Boy Paiso and Reynaldo Reyes who were like walking zombies after their game.

Welcoming Bocelli

AT LARGE

Rina Jimenez-David

OVER THE EASTER weekend, recounts Baby Arenas amusedly, she drove over to the Araneta Coliseum to check on the preparations for the upcoming Bocelli Concert and who should she see right on the driveway but Judy Araneta-Roxas herself, supervising the workers and armed with a box of tissues, her only defense against the summer heat.

That Ms Roxas herself, mother of senatorial candidate Mar Roxas and matriarch not just of the Araneta-Roxas clan but of the entire Araneta commercial complex in Cubao, would personally supervise the sprucing up of the coliseum speaks of the significance of the one-night concert of Andrea Bocelli, more popularly known as "the blind tenor," and recognized worldwide for his artistry.

Arenas, who started working on bringing Bocelli to Manila three years ago, was undaunted by all the obstacles she met on the way, especially the perception of the rest of the world that "the Philippines is a dangerous place." One by one, she tells us over dinner at the Mandarin, the hotel that will play host to Bocelli and where his production and management staff have been billeted since last month, she knocked down every objection raised by the Italians. One time, exasperated by yet one more question about the tenor's safety, she challenged Bocelli's managers: "Call your ambassador in Manila, ask him about the peace and order situation there!" Still, to be doubly sure, Arenas has sought the cooperation of the PNP which will provide "hundreds" of police to escort the tenor and a ring of security during the performance.

Of course, Arenas, who has styled herself as the country's premier impresario (is there a female equivalent term?) of world-class artists, is aware that it is not only her personal reputation—and fortune—at stake here. The Bocelli Concert, she declares, "will make or break the image of the Philippines before the world."

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THE LATEST wrinkle in Arenas' plans, she discloses, was the competing booking for Bocelli to sing in Madrid during the international Formula One races. "But Madrid took so long to come up with the money and they (Bocelli's management company) had no choice but to prioritize Manila when I gave them the amount they were asking for," she says triumphantly.

Still, it is a challenge to ensure that the Bocelli Concert, to be held at the Araneta Coliseum on April 30—and co-sponsored by ABS-CBN with the Padre Pio Lend-a-Hand Foundation—lives up to the world-class reputation of the headliner.

Arenas says she handpicked the 80 members of the all-Filipino Father Pio Symphony Orchestra which will accompany Bocelli and his guest artist, soprano Maria Luigia Borsi. The orchestra will be under the baton of Maestro Marcello Rota, who has frequently performed alongside Bocelli and many other international artists.

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SOUND engineers and production staff from Bocelli's own management company have also been in town since last month ensuring the quality of the sound system and stage arrangements. Microphones and audio mixers have even been imported from Italy and Hong Kong just to ensure that no glitches occur to mar Bocelli's first-ever performance in Manila, and only his second in Asia.

To people who express shock that the "blind tenor," who with Celine Dion propelled "The Prayer" to the top of music charts around the world, should be singing at a "*masa*" venue like Araneta Coliseum, Arenas says they should just chill. "We wanted to bring in as large an audience as possible to listen to him," she explains. The cheapest tickets, costing P500 are in fact even lower in price than those for concerts of lesser artists.

Aside from music students and the young, Arenas says she also wants to reach out to the disabled, especially the visually impaired who will find Bocelli "an inspiration." She says: "Listening to him, and knowing about how he overcame his disability, I hope they will realize that, like him, they can be anything they want to be despite their limitations."

Some commentators have good-naturedly scoffed at Arenas' proud boast that a red carpet has been laid down at the Araneta Coliseum to greet Bocelli and guests at his concert. What's the use of a red carpet, they ask, if Bocelli can't see it?

He may not see it, but he can feel it underfoot. And more important, he will feel and surely appreciate the "red carpet treatment" laid out for him, the best of our much-vaunted brand of Filipino hospitality.

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LOOKING for something "different" in your TV fare? John Silva, a consultant working with the National Museum, heritage preservation activist and environmental gadfly, hosts "Trip ni John" tonight at 11 at ABC Channel 5. John bills his self-produced show as one dedicated to exploring Philippine culture in all its variety and complexity, focusing on different aspects of Philippine arts, traditions, practices and celebrations.

Tonight's show is devoted to "Dance," including a feature on a young man aspiring to be a ballet dancer despite the fact that he hails from one of the poorest communities in Manila. A true "Billy Elliot" story, says John, referring to the British movie about a working-class boy from a mining town and his unusual and brave dream to dance ballet.

Channel 5, which recently came under new management, says it wants to be "different" from the rest of the field. "Trip ni John" should it live up to John's optimistic projections, will certainly elevate TV content above the throng of the competition. I hope everyone joins John Silva on his Sunday "trips," discovering what it means to be Filipino in the process.

Religion and democracy

PUBLIC LIVES

Randy David

I'VE often been asked what I think of the candidacy of Bro. Eddie Villanueva, the founding leader of the Jesus Is Lord movement. My quick answer to this question is: Nothing in our Constitution prevents a person of God from running for public office or from being appointed to one. His fitness or suitability for public office must however solely be judged by his secular qualifications and experience. An appointment or vote that considers a candidate's faith or level of piety would clash with the civic principle separating religion from the state.

I personally like many of the positions that Villanueva has taken on crucial issues. I think they are positions that any thoughtful Filipino would take regardless of religious persuasion. Being himself a democrat, Villanueva has said he is not running as a religious leader. Yet because his public persona is completely entwined with his position in a religious movement, he cannot help but be perceived as someone who is cashing in on religion to win public office. In the end, this will not do his religious group any good.

There is, clearly, no way of knowing precisely what criteria voters use in deciding whom to vote for in an election. Religiosity may well be one of these, and candidates do often seek to project a church-going image to win votes. But so long as religiosity or piety or membership in a church is not a legal requirement for public office, the constitutional principle that protects the secular nature of our society is not violated.

Indeed there are religions and churches that test the limits of a secular society. If one belongs to a church or a religious community that takes its faith as the sole guide for action in the world, one may be commanded by its leaders to vote in a particular way. But so long as the option to drop or change one's religion is there, the right to disregard unacceptable orders from religious authorities is assumed.

To my mind, the ground for the emergence of a politician running on a message of religious righteousness has long been prepared by the intrusion of Catholic piety into the spaces of the secular state. Religious statues have long migrated from church altars to the corridors of government offices. It is now standard practice to open every official meeting or function with a prayer or invocation or Bible-reading that is unmistakably Catholic in tone. The Catholic Mass is routinely celebrated on official time on government ground. It is no longer considered improper for a government official to cite his or her own religious beliefs as a ground for determining public policy.

This development has no doubt been made possible in large measure by the dominant role played by the Catholic Church in the closing years of the campaign against the Marcos regime. But it has also come hand in hand with the failure of our civic institutions—notably the schools and the mass media—to offer a broader range of social ideals to our people. The surge in crime and corruption in our society, coupled with the inability of the state to regulate greed and protect the underprivileged, has paved the way for the return of religion as the exclusive fount of correct behavior.

I hope readers do not misunderstand me. I am not against religion. I grew up in a community that considers it almost obligatory for a family to offer a son to the priesthood. One of my brothers is a Catholic priest, and I am very proud of him. I believe religion, as an abiding source of ideals, has an important place in a person's life. But I have grave reservations about churches playing a dominant role in the governance of a society. I believe it goes against the ethos of a modern democracy. To mix churches with politics is to move closer to the kind of religious fundamentalism that has bred the militant religious warriors of the present period. The use of religion as an instrument of political goals is precisely what religious fundamentalism is about.

Sociologists have long predicted that with modernity and the growing rationalization of the various spheres of social life, religion would eventually retreat from the public domain and become synonymous with "what one does with one's solitude." For a host of reasons, this is not what is happening today. Far from withdrawing into the private realm, religion is playing the public role it once assumed during feudal times—a mechanism of social control in league with the state.

It all begins as a benign offer to supplement institutional efforts at reform. Bureaucrats in revenue-collecting agencies are recruited to join prayer or Bible study groups in the hope of instilling in them ethical behavior based on fear of God. Then it spreads to the ranks of the judicial system and the police, until it engulfs the entire bureaucracy. Sometimes it is able to stem corruption, but on the whole it is unable to cure habits that are ingrained in the system itself. In any event, is there anything wrong with religion seizing our collective life as a nation?

I submit there is. Allowing religion to invade spaces reserved to the state invites the danger of the state being embroiled in destructive religious conflicts not amenable to peaceful resolution. The peaceful co-existence of various religions is possible only under a constitutional order that guarantees freedom of thought and religion. Such an order is also one where the government takes utmost care not to be seen as favoring any particular church or religion in the pursuit of its work. This is the essence of the principle of separation of church and state.

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Anointing power with piety

RECENT Supreme Court decisions have revived criticisms that Philippine courts have intruded too often and too much into economic policymaking; that the "government by TRO" has led to a "judiciary by referendum."

Judges have second-guessed government and business decisions, for which they have neither the expertise nor the mandate. When unelected judges make policy, critics say, they pre-empt democratic debate on economics and supplant democratic politics, nullify the political accountability of the elected deputies of the people, and bureaucratize the task of changing the world. They create uncertainty and unpredictability, no different than if they had played god and wreaked havoc with a typhoon.

PASSION FOR REASON

Raul C. Pangalangan

In defense of the Court

It is unfair to blame the Supreme Court for these. We insist that judges merely apply the law and not embellish it with policy. But how can we blame the judges when the drafters of the charter (the Constitutional Commission, or Con-Com) gave them far too many words to interpret, a prolix constitution that contains clauses like the "right to a balanced and healthful ecology in accord with the rhythm and harmony of nature," which segues so smoothly into Desiderata (Max Ehrman's poem set into that now famous melody, "You are a child of the universe, no less than the trees and the stars you have a right to be here..."), that one can scarcely tell when the Constitution ended and the song began?

Worse, the Con-Com insisted that courts do not shy away from disputes. Of course the power to check "grave abuse of discretion" has been around for sometime already, but it applied only to acts by judicial bodies, whose discretion to start with is limited. But the Con-Com extended it even to acts of political bodies, whose discretion is elastic; and then insisted that courts have the "duty" to act as overseers. The Supreme Court itself has lamented: vaguely worded "rights," when combined with open-ended "grave abuse" standards, will "propel the courts into the uncharted ocean of social and economic policymaking."

Even more alarming, today, courts are placed in a perpetual popularity contest refereed by polling groups and single-interest lobbies/NGOs. Their decisions are judged solely on the basis of "who won?" and "are we on the same side?" The days are gone when judicial decisions were analyzed solely as the work of craftsmen. The democracy that we regained at Edsa in 1986 has told us to judge the judges not solely by the perfection of their craft, but by the flourishing of their conscience. This outcome-oriented jurisprudence is oblivious to the professional demands of the legal craftsman: it doesn't ask whether the legal reasoning was sound or outrageous, so long as the mob cheers the victors, no matter that corners were cut and legal doctrines compromised.

In the age of "sound bites," judges are quoted lengthily for purely ornamental dicta (lawyer's Latin for intellectual *borloloy*), while their hard-nosed, law-based reasoning is, alas, too dry to be quoted except by law professors like me. It bespeaks an unabashed derision for law as "legal gobbledygook," a readiness to bypass formal processes in favor of substantive results and to see in law not fixed standards but movable goalposts.

Technology has made it even easier to pressure the Court. "Texting" sends forth rumors and speculations on a draft decision and provokes an instant referendum via public indignation.

The Court has further been faulted for "intruding" into contracts (the Piatco-built airport, for example) that, while found to be patently unlawful, are just as patently completed and already consummated. "Too much, too little, too late," indeed, but that is so because the other branches of government failed to correct the error. The Court as final arbiter, plays a corrective function; but that role is overloaded, because there simply are too many laws to apply, too many errors to correct, and too many corrupt, colluding, bungling correctors down the line.

'Decision according to law'

The Court has heroically stepped forward to fill new roles created by design (by the Con-Com), by history (by Edsa I), and by default (by the political branches of government). In doing so, the Court needlessly depletes its reservoir of legitimacy, and overtaxes its power, in the words of a philosopher, "to anoint power with piety."

The problems were not created by the courts and they cannot be solved by the courts alone, but the Supreme Court can begin the task. Sure it must decide "according to law," on the basis of those big principles that have been "constitutionalized"—insulated from the shifting winds of politics and the changing fates of markets and thus resist the tempting by pollsters or provocation by texters. But it must also recognize that there are so many other choices that must be left for people to decide according to common sense—either by voting with ballots in free elections, or by voting with their pocketbooks in open markets, or by voting with their feet by migrating in what ought to be a free and open world. Constitutional law already provides well-settled doctrines to accomplish this. The Supreme Court has wisely restrained itself when, called upon to strike down the Philippine ratification of the WTO Agreement, it deferred to Congress to interpret the economic protectionism that the Con-Com had frozen into the Constitution. The Court said: whether protectionism is "wise, beneficial or viable is outside the realm of judicial inquiry [but] a matter between the elected policy makers and the people (alone). Let the people ... make their free choice."

THEY SAID

Opposition unity

"The opposition must unite, but for what must we unite? For an old set of *trapos*? Or do we unite to make sure we bring in a new set of politicians? Let's sacrifice for the larger national interest and not put back in power the *trapos* who had contributed to the destruction of our politics."

—Former member of the Estrada Cabinet, Angelito Banayo, on calls for the opposition to unite

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Senatorial bets reject people power

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CANDIDATES for national office are not inclined to support people power as a tool for political change after Edsa I that ousted President Ferdinand Marcos and Edsa II that deposed President Joseph Estrada. The senatorial candidates want the people to instead use the ballot to choose their leaders. Still, some believe that people power can be resorted to in extreme circumstances when the democratic institutions have failed or when tyranny reigns.

On the issue of presidential pardon for Estrada, most senatorial aspirants say that it's too early to talk about it because the Sandiganbayan is still trying him for plunder.

Candidates	People power	Erap pardon
Alvarez, Heherson Independent 	The power to change government cannot be denied to any community. Even the United Nations acknowledges this power. This social force can be deployed through creative leadership to rehabilitate our ruined ecosystem and revive the sluggish economy.	Estrada must cooperate to clarify this historic abomination of executive plunder, cooperate with the rule of law instead of stonewalling. He can help the nation to understand a historic lesson ala Chun Doo Hwan of Korea who confessed and apologized, and was later pardoned by President Kim Dae Jung.
Anson-Roa, Boots Koalisyon ng Nagkakaisang Pilipino (KNP) 	Edsa I and II cannot be construed as the will of the people. The throngs that attended the two Edsas were not a true measure of popular will because those who did not participate constituted the silent majority. The real tool for political change is a free, honest, peaceful and orderly election.	A fair trial for Erap has to be the first order of the day. Anything less than that is unacceptable. The grant of pardon is an executive prerogative, which is better left to the judgment of the President.
Barbers, Robert K-4 Coalition 	I believe in people power as a potent force that can effect political change. However, it should not be utilized to any other end except genuine reform and significant change.	This is an issue best left to the courts and the next President.
Blazon, Rodolfo K-4 Coalition 	People power had its use in 1986. It should have stopped there. Allowing it to continue can weaken the constitutional institutions and legal processes.	The rule of law should be the compelling factor in the disposition of the Erap issue. The judiciary should be the dominant agency that should resolve the Erap case.
Cayetano, Pia K-4 Coalition 	No less than the Constitution recognizes that sovereignty resides in the people. But I prefer that this power be exercised only in extreme circumstances. The ideal situation is for the people to elect able and upright public officials so there won't be a need for the people to exercise their sovereign power.	The government owes it to the people to show firm resolve in bringing about justice. We must bear in mind that the law does not allow the President to exercise his/her power to pardon unless the criminal has been convicted. The issue will be relevant if there has been a conviction. Let our justice system take its course.
Chavez, Frank Alyansa ng Pag-asa 	Yes, but as an extremely rare justification for change in government. In Edsa I, it had to have a catalytic triggering mechanism for the Filipino people to move to unshackle the bondage that had been with them for almost 20 years. People power is probably the best export product of the Philippines.	Pardon can only be legally feasible if there is conviction. So he should first be convicted, then it's up to the President, whoever he is, to exercise executive clemency.
Coo, Oilvia "Bong" Alyansa ng Pag-asa 	We can't resort to people power every time we get disgusted with our leaders. We should go through elections. Filipinos should be mature by putting in the right leaders.	Plunder is plunder. Compared with those who commit heinous crimes like kidnapping, which affect only a few people at a given time, Estrada victimized the whole Philippines. The nation's coffers had been raided. If you commit plunder, you should pay the price.
Dilangalen, Didagen KNP 	People power is a euphemism for mob rule. It violates the Constitution.	Erap is innocent. Seventy-six witnesses failed to prove his guilt. Pardon is out of the question.
Enrile, Juan Ponce KNP 	The people are the ultimate source of political power. But our democratic structure was designed to work through representation by those whom the people choose through the ballot as well as through institutions. People's direct action to change the government is justified if our institutions have failed and there is tyranny.	The President can only exercise the power to pardon if and when former President Joseph Estrada is convicted and the Supreme Court affirms such conviction. At that point, the decision to grant pardon is solely in the hands of the Chief Executive.
Escudero, Sonny KNP 	It only promotes instability and is clearly not in accordance with the democratic principle that our leaders should assume power through the ballot. A parliamentary form of government can address the issues that bring about the so-called people power.	Because the cases filed against Estrada are pending in court, the decision of the same on his guilt or innocence must be awaited. Pardon presupposes a guilty verdict from the court or an admission of guilt on the part of Estrada, which, at this point, is purely hypothetical.
Estrada, Jinggoy KNP 	This should be prohibited. After Edsa I, has there been any real change? The spirit of Edsa I is gone. After Edsa II our situation became worse. We are now the fourth most corrupt country in Asia.	How can they give a pardon when my father is not convicted? We will not seek pardon because my father is not guilty.
Gatmaytan, Nicanor, Jr. Alyansa ng Pag-asa 	I don't believe in that. There are no standards for people power. The mentality, the emotions of the Filipino people, you see in Edsa 1, 2, 3. It could be a mob rule that is hard to distinguish from the democratic type of our government.	That's premature. That would be a prejudgment. Before a pardon could be obtained, let him first be adjudged guilty and convicted. But he must first acknowledge his guilt, otherwise how can (the President) pardon him if he doesn't admit to the crime?
Gordon, Richard K-4 Coalition 	I believe in its positive application but only in the most extreme circumstances. However, leaders should move faster in serving the people so the people will not oust them.	There are many instances in other countries where the offender first admits to the crime before pardon is granted.
Herrera, Ernesto KNP 	Social pressure is a necessary tool in the transformation of any society. If the institutions of governance fail to reform politics, the people will.	The power of the presidential pardon must be used to counter glaring inequities in our criminal system and to serve as an act of grace given to somebody who deserves it for humanitarian reasons. For sure, Erap deserves his day in court.
Hussin, Parouk K-4 Coalition 	This unique method of effecting political change that gained us worldwide admiration in 1986 has long been abused. This should be resorted to only under extraordinary circumstances. I don't think the extraordinary circumstances, which will justify this method, exist today.	At this point, any discussion on a possible pardon for Estrada is premature. A pardon presupposes a conviction. The trial against Estrada is ongoing.
Jaworski, Robert K-4 Coalition 	People power should only be resorted to if the government fails to consider the overwhelming sentiments of the populace. Otherwise, we will only be another banana republic.	The law must strictly be applied to everyone, but I emphasize that the law presumes an accused to be innocent until he is proven guilty beyond reasonable doubt by a competent court.
Joson, Edno Alyansa ng Pag-asa 	People power is just part of what we call the historical imperative. If we talk of the rule of law, impeachment should have been followed (in the case of Estrada). But she (President Macapagal-Arroyo) came to power through people power. It is a tool for change but not necessarily good for the country.	Erap himself said that he had yet to be convicted, so how can we talk of pardon? But I favor house arrest for him because his is a special case. The equal protection clause of the Constitution is not applicable in his case. Since he's a former President, and he was not removed through the impeachment process.
Lapid, Lito K-4 Coalition 	People power is effective based on our experience. But it also poses a danger because politicians might use it for their own ends. If people power has a strong ideology, it will succeed. Otherwise, it's just "mass hysteria."	Let justice take its course. If we insist on a "pardon," there is recognition that he is guilty.
Lim, Alfredo KNP 	I salute our people for regaining freedom through people power at Edsa I but I don't subscribe to its further use. There are mechanisms in our democratic system in which changes can be achieved without using people power, although the Constitution recognizes the same.	Although this is the prerogative of the Chief Executive, I personally believe that Estrada is entitled to a presidential pardon. After all, he has suffered much from detention and deprivation of his liberty.
Maceda, Ernesto KNP 	I'm not per se against people power if the proper circumstance justify it. Throughout world history people have waged revolution if there's a good basis for it.	We are presuming he will be convicted. It's too early to talk about his pardon.
Madrigal, Jamby KNP 	We are operating under a constitutional government and the Constitution has provisions for political changes. Other actions outside those provisions are unconstitutional.	Why should Erap be pardoned when the court has not yet ruled whether he is guilty or not? Even Erap himself does not want to be pardoned. He wants to be cleared of the charges against him by an impartial court.
Mauricio, Mel "Batas" Alyansa ng Pag-asa 	I agree, but then it is only limited to what the Constitution says. The Constitution says there are two people power provisions giving the people the right to participate in all activities of the nation. As a tool for political change, yes, but not for interference in legal affairs.	It is premature because you talk of pardon only when there is conviction. So unless and until that is done, you cannot talk of pardon.
Mercado, Orly K-4 Coalition 	Our recent episodes of "people power" are manifestations of how we value good governance and higher standards among public officials even at the expense of supporting the democratic institutions and processes that we have put in place to ensure good governance and higher standards among public officials.	A pardon for Erap can only be considered when he is convicted of plunder. A pardon after conviction will have to be a political decision that only the next administration can make.
Osmeña, John K-4 Coalition 	Nonsense! This is made a tool by the Church, the Ayala Avenue elite, and all other vested interests.	Yes! Otherwise we should place the others in jail, too. Starting with Fidel Ramos, the father of the deal between the government and the independent power producers where we are stuck with the unreasonable power purchase agreement.
Padilla, Carlos Senatorial bet of Panfilo Lacson 	Before, I believed in people power. But after (three people power events), there is no guarantee that it will bring about a better government.	That is a presidential discretion.
Pimentel, Aquilino, Jr. KNP 	Power never lasts. Those elected to public office must remember that the end can come anytime during their term, that abuses will not be passed over in silence by the people anymore. They have to account to the people.	I favor the house arrest of Estrada until the plunder charges against him are decided by the Sandiganbayan. My proposal that he go on exile to the US was more radical. He should get out of the country so he will not be the rallying point of those against the Macapagal presidency.
Rasul-Bernardo, Amina KNP 	Edsa I was a world-shaking event with peaceful people overthrowing a dictator. Now that we have democratic processes, should the voters not prevail? *Vox populi, vox dei.*	Should he not be proven guilty first? Same is true for Chairman (Nur) Misuari.(of the Moro National Liberation Front).
Revilla, Ramon "Bong", Jr. K-4 Coalition 	It brings economic instability. I prefer legal and democratic processes to bring about any changes in the leadership. That's why we have elections.	That's the prerogative of the President.
Roxas,Manuel "Mar" III K-4 Coalition 	Absolutely! People power is at the bedrock of our democracy. And we should always uphold it as one of our most fundamental rights. Note than the "no confidence" vote against an incompetent or abusive government in a parliamentary form, serves the same purpose as massing people in the streets.	Let the trial and the laws take their course. This trial has been going on for more than two years and all this time he has been in detention. He has yet to be convicted. Only upon conviction would a discussion on pardon be relevant.
Santiago, Miriam K-4 Coalition 	If "people power" means disregard of the rule of law, then it will eventually lead to warlordism. If "people power" means mobilization of the majority of votes in order to express a view during elections or plebiscites, then "people power" would be an effective tool for political change within a democratic system.	Under the Constitution, an impeached president cannot be pardoned. He can only be pardoned, if he undergoes criminal trial and is convicted. If that happens, I am in favor of a pardon, considering his advanced age and his poor medical health.
Sonza, Jay Alyansa ng Pag-asa 	People power has been with us all this time whether it was during martial law or even before because it is exemplified in elections. What happened is that we have two kinds of people power. One was a mutiny supported by a civilian component. The latter one was justified anyway by winning.	There's a case pending in court. Executive clemency can only be implemented upon conviction. What if the court finds him not guilty?
Tatad, Francisco KNP 	Elections provide us the opportunity to change periodically our political leaders. In between elections, the Constitution provides the various modes of presidential succession. Removing a president by a coup, mutiny or judicial diktat is not contemplated in the Constitution.	This looks like a trick question. He has not been convicted of any crime. He has been jailed by those who had ousted him from the presidency. He has questioned the jurisdiction of the court trying him, and maintains that his jailing is political. In a new administration, we should be able to look at his case more objectively.
Yasay, Perfecto Alyansa ng Pag-asa 	People power grew out of necessity. The people felt so frustrated. I'm against saying that we favor it or not, because once you do that it becomes a habit. It's not good. In the case of Erap and Marcos we had no choice. Let's use first and foremost our democratic institution and processes in electing leaders.	No, you don't pardon a person unless he is first found guilty. When he is found guilty, it's up to the President to pardon him. But there must be a finding of guilt.

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Violence bounds Mindanao campaign as polls near

PAGADIAN CITY—Violence tied to the upcoming elections continue to erupt in various Mindanao areas as the balloting draws near.

In Zamboanga del Sur alone, 10 people had been killed since the campaign period started, prompting the police and the military to tighten security, particularly in identified areas of concerns.

Despite this move, attacks on politicians and their supporters continue.

In Bayog, Zamboanga del Sur, unidentified gunmen fired on the vehicle of Lakas-CMD mayoral candidate Melody Belza around 9 p.m. on Friday.

One of Belza's aides said his boss was not in the vehicle when the attack occurred.

Supt. Mario Fermindoza, Zamboanga del Sur police director, said they immediately conducted an investigation to determine who might be behind the attack.

The ambush was the latest in the list of unsolved politically-related violence in the province.

On Feb. 27, a reelectionist councilor, Danilo Calipusan, 27, and his sister were shot to death.

On March 7, two unidentified gunmen shot and killed former city councilor Isidro del Soccoro.

Del Socorro was a mayoral candidate here under the Isang Bansa, Isang Diwa Party of disqualified presidential candidate Eddie Gil.

Earlier, three political supporters of the Nationalist People's Coalition (NPC) were killed in separate incidents in Labangan town.

Four Lakas-CMD supporters were also killed in the towns of Dinas, Tabina and Dimataling towns.

In Cotabato City, an independent candidate for the city council was shot to death on Friday evening.

Abdullah Subella, 56, a resident of Manday District, died of a single bullet wound in the head.

Senior Insp. Abdulwahid Pedtukasan, police sub-station 1 commander, said Subella was waiting for a ride along Bonifacio Street around 3 p.m. when he was shot.

A day before Subella was killed, gunmen suspected to be working for a rival group, ambushed and wounded two supporters of Lubungan, North Cotabato reelectionist Mayor Ronaldo Pader.

Chief Insp. Rufino Inot, Libungan police chief said Jerry Barbon and Boy Tudlas were on their way home from a campaign sortie when fired upon by the suspects around 9 p.m. on Thursday.

Inot said during pursuit operations, the police arrested two suspects.

Also on Thursday, unidentified suspects killed a retired election officer in Pikit, North Cotabato while his wife remains in critical condition. *Rosa-May de Guzman, Edwin Fernandez and Hernan de la Cruz, PDI Mindanao Bureau*

Pacificador seeks release to be able to campaign

By Nestor P. Burgos Jr.
PDI Visayas Bureau

ILOILO CITY—Former assemblyman Arturo Pacificador has asked the Antique Regional Trial Court to grant him temporary liberty to campaign for his candidacy for vice governor of Antique province.

In a four-page motion dated March 29, Pacificador asked Judge Rudy Castrojas of RTC Branch 12 to grant him bail because he believed the court would be unable to resolve the case before the May 10 elections.

The trial of the 18-year-old case ended last Feb. 10. Castrojas is expected to resolve the case by the end of June under court rules.

Pacificador said he is unable to campaign because of his continued detention, which he said should not be an obstacle to his "constitutional right" to run for vice governor.

Pacificador has been detained at the Antique provincial jail after he surfaced in 1995 for allegedly masterminding the murder of former Gov. Evelio Javier and the wounding of several others.

He is running as an independent candidate for vice governor against provincial board members Eric Otayde (Liberal Party), the running mate of reelectionist Gov. Salvacion Zaldivar-Perez, and Rhodora Cadiao (Lakas-CMD), the running mate of incumbent Vice Gov. Roberto Operiano.

A former ally of the late strongman Ferdinand Marcos, Pacificador ran for congressman in the lone district of the province in 1995 but finished third behind Jovito Plameras and now Antique Rep. Exequiel Javier. He also finished third in 2001 when he ran for governor against Salvacion Zaldivar-Perez and Damian Marfil.

Pacificador, who belongs to the few families who have dominated politics in the province, is confident of winning next month's election.

He was counting on the support of his supporters who gave him 23,000 votes in 2001 and 25,000 votes in 1995.

Castrojas last year denied bail to Pacificador and all but one his 17 co-accused.

The judge said in his order that there was proof that Pacificador housed Javier's gunmen led by Eduardo "Boy Muslim" Iran, in the former assemblyman's house in Parañaque in Manila and in Hamtic town in Antique.

But in his 46-page memorandum, Pacificador said the evidence of the prosecution against him was weak and his defense was strong to warrant his admission to bail and acquittal.

He said the court order denying his petition for bail was premised on the failure of the defense to present evidence to refute the prosecution's.

Private Prosecutor Aurelio Trampe has opposed Pacificador's motion, saying the court had denied the petition for bail because it found the evidence strong against the accused.

This finding, Trampe said, is "applicable regardless of the stage of the criminal prosecution."

Radio network sues Isabela mayor for ₱10M

CAUAYAN CITY—Officials of Bombo Radyo-Philippines on Thursday filed a P10-million damage suit against Mayor Caesar Dy and three city officials for ordering the closure of the network's two radio stations here in February this year.

Aside from Dy, the Newsounds Broadcasting Network Inc. and Consolidated Broadcasting System Inc., both affiliate companies of Bombo Radyo-Philippines, sued city administrator Felicisimo Meer, city legal officer Raema Fernandez-Garcia, city planning and development officer Bagnos Maximo and the Cauayan City government for closing dzNC-Bombo Radyo Cauayan and its sister station, dwIT-FM.

Charmy Sabigan, dzNC station manager, said the two stations lost about P30 million from commercial sales after the city government ordered their closure for more than a month for allegedly lacking documents to renew their business permits.

Sabigan said they also asked the court to issue a temporary restraining order for Dy and Cauayan officials not to interfere with the operation of the stations while the case is pending in court.

She said they are asking the court to compel Dy and the city officials to issue zoning clearances and permits to the stations this year.

The suit said the city officials' "unwarranted and clearly unfounded acts and omissions" impeded the rights of the radio stations to conduct business and to exercise freedom of expression.

On Saturday, Dy said they were ready to face the charges.

"We are ready to face any case that they will file against us. But we have yet to receive a copy of the damage suit," he said.

Falsification

He said the city government would push through with the falsification charges against Sabigan and other employees of the stations.

He warned that he would again order the closure of the radio stations for operating without necessary business permits.

"These (two radio stations) are the only businesses around the world that are operating without a permit from the local government," he said.

The city government on Feb. 17 closed the stations for the non-renewal of their business permits.

But Bombo Radyo officials sued the city government before the Commission on Elections for supposedly violating election laws when it closed the stations.

They said the city government violated a rule that no business franchises or permits should be revoked within the election period.

The Comelec on March 23 ordered a status quo that paved the way for the resumption of operations of the stations. *Villamor Visaya Jr., PDI Northern Luzon Bureau*

Ex-rebel draws 57-year jail term for cop's slay

BACOLOD CITY—A former member of the New People's Army was meted with a 57-year jail term for killing a policeman and wounding his cousin.

Judge Henry Arles of the Regional Trial Court of Kabankalan City found Edwin Rosalia Tuardon guilty of murdering PO1 Jerry Dagunan and sentenced him to 40 years imprisonment.

He was also convicted of frustrated murder for wounding Edwin Flores, the policeman's cousin. For this, he was meted the penalty of eight to 17 years imprisonment.

Tuardon was also ordered to indemnify the heirs of Dagunan P50,000 and P30,000 to the heirs of Flores.

Court records showed that there was an altercation between Dagunan and Teody Roca, a relative of Tuardon, at about 7 p.m. of Jan. 17, 1999 at the public plaza of Kabankalan City, about 97 kilometers south of here.

Dagunan identified himself as policeman, pointed a gun at Roca and threatened to bring him to the police headquarters if he failed to present an identification card to show that he was a member of the military.

Judge Arles said in his decision that Dagunan must have gotten the ire of Tuardon, who was present during the incident and disliked what the policeman did to Roca.

Tuardon then followed Dagunan to the toilet where he shot the victim. Dagunan suffered a lone bullet wound in the back of his head.

Tuardon also shot and wounded Flores who followed his cousin to the toilet.

Judge Arles did not give credence to Tuardon's claim of self-defense, noting that Dagunan was pinned to the wall when the convict shot him. *Carla Gomez, PDI Visayas Bureau*

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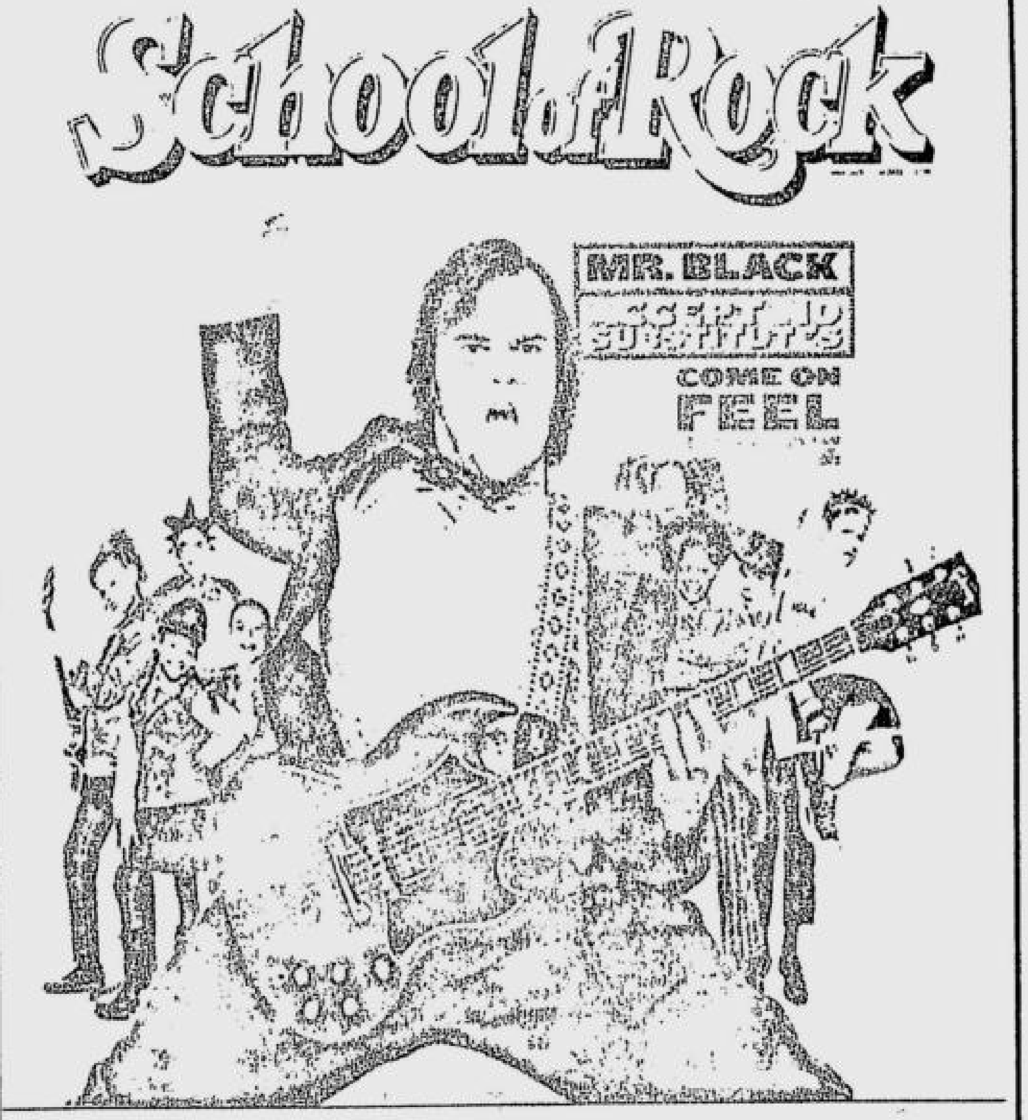

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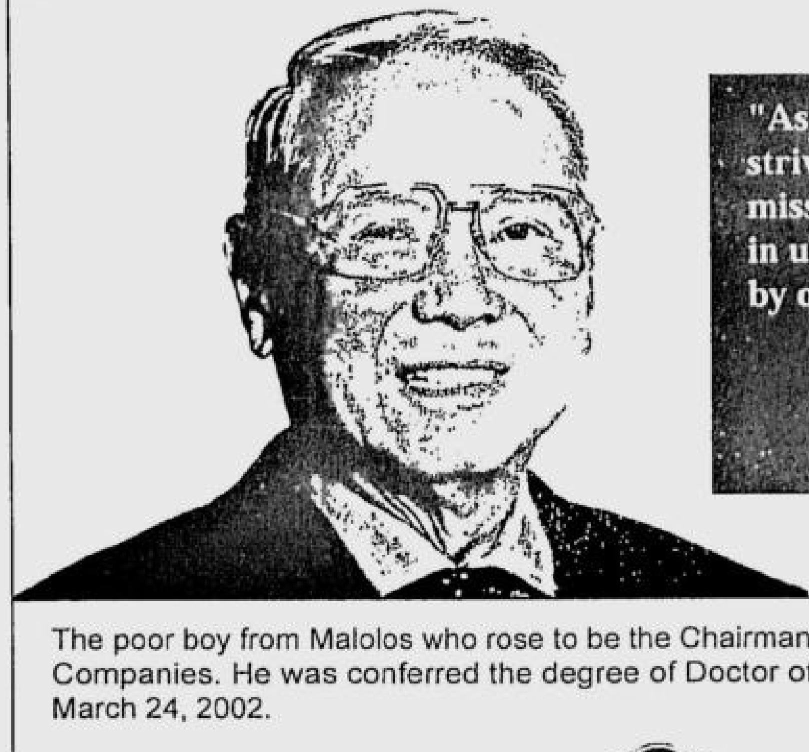

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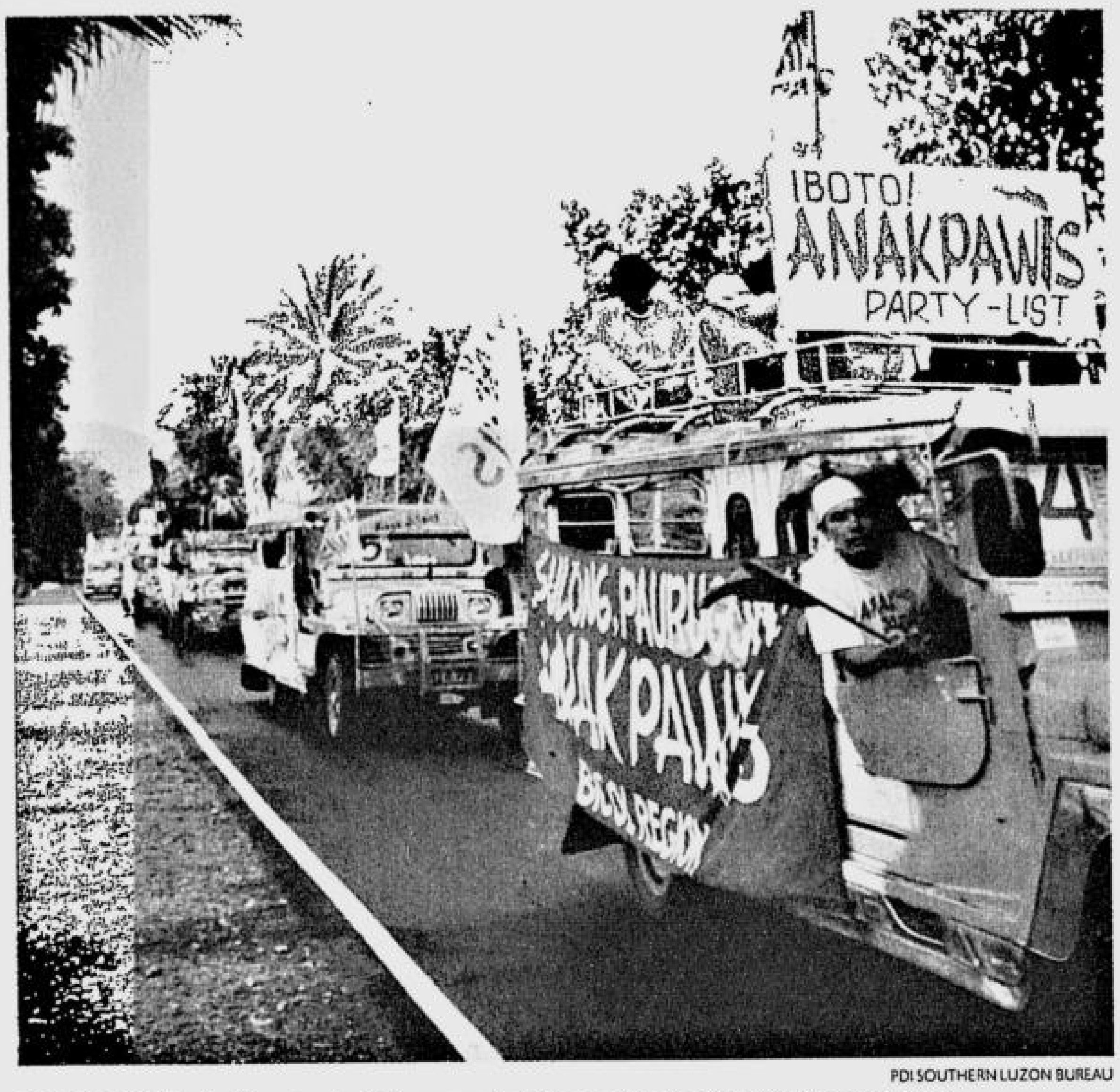

PDI SOUTHERN LUZON BUREAU

THE CARAVAN of militant party-list groups winds its way through the streets of Sorsogon.

By Emir Emano Gamis
PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

SORSOGON CITY—Six progressive party-list groups accused by National Security Adviser Norberto Gonzales as fronts of the Communist Party of the Philippines started a caravan here on Thursday that will end in Camarines Norte.

Members of Bagong Alyansang Makabayan (Bayan)-Bicol, together with the six party-list groups running for the May 10 elections—Bayan Muna, Anakpawis, Migrante, Anak ng Bayan, Gabriela (GWP) and Suara BangsaMoro Party (Suara) regional chapters—condemned what they said were false accusations made by the Alliance for Nationalism and Democracy (Anad) and Kilusan Kontra Komunismo (KKK) that they are fronts of the New People's Army (NPA) and that Bayan Muna is using government funds to support the NPA.

"Those accusations are lies and the real motive is to prevent the people from supporting the party-list (groups) and (the accusations are) equivalent to political repression," Carla Balatan, a staffer of Anakpawis in Bicol said in a statement.

Gonzales, in a presentation before the National Security Council on April 2, claimed that the six party-list groups were using their countrywide development funds to "aid and abet the armed struggle of the New People's Army," the armed wing of the CPP.

The groups said Gonzales made the accusations to frighten their supporters and prevent the impending victory of the six party-list groups.

"While President Arroyo and her cohorts are desperately seeking . . . the disqualification of the mass progressive party-lists, they are endorsing the Partido Demokratiko Sosyalista ng Pilipinas (PDSP) Party-list, which has no clear program to benefit the toiling masses," the group said in a statement sent to the INQUIRER.

These were the highlights of the welcome program at Bulan, Sorsogon on April 14 and during the programs at the Market District and Barangay Bagong Sirang, Sorsogon City on Friday.

About 600 persons from Sorsogon, Camarines Sur and Masbate on board 32 vehicles joined the caravan's first day. Some 1,000 Albayanos at Anislag, Daraga joined the caravan on Friday. Bigger mobilizations were expected when the caravan reaches Camarines Sur and Camarines Norte this week.

Historical institute stops demolition of Pampanga building

By Tonette Orejas
PDI Central Luzon Desk

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO—National Historical Institute chair Ambeth Ocampo has recommended the preservation of the Pampanga High School Building, which its alumni association plans to demolish to give way to a new building.

The PHS Building, one of two remaining Gabaldon-type schoolhouses in this capital city, should be "preserved for posterity," Ocampo said in a letter to Dr. Belen Manzanero, superintendent of the Department of Education's division of city schools here. The DepEd is the final arbiter on the issue.

"(It) is a significant and irreplaceable historical and cultural heritage from the country's American colonial past," Ocampo said. A copy of the letter was also sent to Mayor Reynaldo Aquino who opposed the plan of the Federation of the PHS Alumni Association.

The association has spearheaded the rehabilitation of the 5.5-hectare campus, the pioneer and centerpiece of American education in the province.

In an interview last March, federation president Angelo David said the association would demolish the building, retain its facade and in its place, build a three-floor structure as the main building in the new 153-room campus.

But David said the plan could be modified based on the advice of the DepEd.

If the original plan pushes through, the PHS stands to lose its second Gabaldon Building. The first, located at the old Philippine Constabulary Compound in Barangay Sto. Niño and which later housed the University of the Philippines-San Fernando extension program, was looted of all its wood.

The second structure in the current campus on Tiomico Street has elaborate sculptures and relief of human figures. The first American principal John Osborn held classes in this building in 1912 or five years after the Philippine Commission approved Act 1801.

Then Nueva Ecija Assemblyman Isauro Gabaldon sponsored a law that set aside P1 million for the "construction of standard school buildings."

Having a common design, the buildings bear what is now called the "Gabaldon architectural genre."

Ocampo said the NHI is "anxious" over the association's proposal.

"We recommend that any restoration or development of the old PHS should consider preserving the historical architectural style and physical configuration of the structure instead of destroying it," he said.

Ocampo told Manzanero that the building falls within the heritage zone that the city declared in Ordinance No. 2004-03. This ordinance created the city heritage district and its governing body.

The local building official, Ocampo said, is "empowered to decide on such issues based on the city's approved implementing rules and regulations for such ordinance."

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Center opened for special kids from poor homes

URDANETA CITY—Children with disabilities from poor families from this city and neighboring towns will be provided with rehabilitation and social services at the Stimulation and Therapeutic Activity Center (STAC) at the Don Amadeo Perez Sr. Memorial District Hospital here.

The STAC, the first of six centers and 26 satellites to be established in different towns of Pangasinan, is a joint initiative of the Katipunan ng Maykapansanan sa Pilipinas Inc. (Kampi), the provincial government and the Urdaneta City government.

The program, called Breaking Barriers for Children, is assisted by the Danish International Development Agency through the Danish Society of Polio and Accident Victims.

It hopes to reach out to disabled children who have not been provided with the proper services because of negative attitudes toward disability and poverty and lack of awareness on the development potentials and rights of children.

Inauguration

Jamie Eloise Agbayani, wife of Gov. Victor Agbayani, inaugurated the STAC last Monday, calling it a "beautiful program to help children with disabilities achieve their full potential and become active members of the community."

A pediatrician, Agbayani heads the Kalusugan sa Barangay or the medical mission program of the provincial government.

"During our missions, we saw many children with disabilities and we did not know where to send them for rehabilitation. We are therefore thankful that the Breaking Barriers for Children program is being implemented in the province," she said.

Kampi Executive Director Venus Ilagan said there was a need to establish rehabilitation centers for children with disabilities because poor families cannot afford the rehabilitation cost for them.

65 centers

Kampi has put up 65 centers all over the country which cater to some 7,000 children, Ilagan said. In Pangasinan, the program hopes to reach out to some 2,500 children aged 0-14. From this city alone, 150 children are enrolled at the STAC.

"Based on previous projects' experiences, the STAC in Pangasinan will cater to a fair distribution of girls and boys with disabilities without gender or partiality," the guidelines of the program said.

Yolanda Sotelo-Fuertes, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau

ROUNDUP

J. Tulio; 30

GUAGUA, Pampanga—The top councilor of this town died of colon cancer on Monday. Councilor Jerome Tulio, 30, who was undergoing chemotherapy at the time of his death, was scheduled to go to the United States for operation this year but was too weak to travel. Before he discovered that he was suffering from cancer last year, Tulio was planning to run for mayor of Guagua. Luchie Gutierrez, provincial social welfare officer, said Tulio had told her that he had talked to Sen. Francis Pangilinan, his cousin, about the establishment of a foundation for cancer patients. Tulio's remains lie at the Betis Church here.

Jun Malig, PDI Central Luzon Desk

Ecija lawyer slain

CABANATUAN CITY—After winning a court case for his client, a lawyer in Poblacion Norte in Rizal town was stabbed and killed by a man whose family lost in the legal battle. Chief Insp. Miguel San Pedro, Rizal police chief, said Eulogio Castillo, 55, died of eight stab wounds at the back and one in the hand. Police arrested Harvy Mauyao, 23, who was suspected to have attacked Castillo while the lawyer was in a family outing in Rizal. San Pedro said the suspect might have harbored a grudge against Castillo for successfully defending his family's opponents in the case.

Anselmo Roque, PDI Central Luzon Desk

Wanted man arrested

BAGUIO CITY—A joint team from the Tabuk and Kalinga police arrested Kalinga's second most wanted person. Randy Lumanday, 22, who was wanted for rape, was arrested on April 3 in his house in Barangay Naneng in Tabuk, Kalinga, following the issuance of an arrest warrant by Judge Milnar Lammawin of the regional trial court. Also arrested on separate occasions on charges of homicide and rape were Jesper Rendon Boguilis, Waac Dangani, Rufino Bugatti, Michaul Wachan, Joan Dacasin, and Mike Gunnawa. The arrests were made after the police launched Manhunt Bravo, a campaign against wanted persons.

Donna Demetillo, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau

Illegal narra seized

BAGUIO CITY—A joint team from the Bontoc police and the Department of Environment and Natural Resources intercepted illegal narra flitches, timber, and pine lumber worth P11,885 at a checkpoint in Barangay Lipcan, Bangued, Abra. The timber products reportedly owned by Benjun Luis, of Boliney, Abra, were loaded in a Viron Transit Bus bound for Cubao. Last month, 195 board feet of illegal pine lumber valued at P4,508.90 were recovered in Atok, Benguet.

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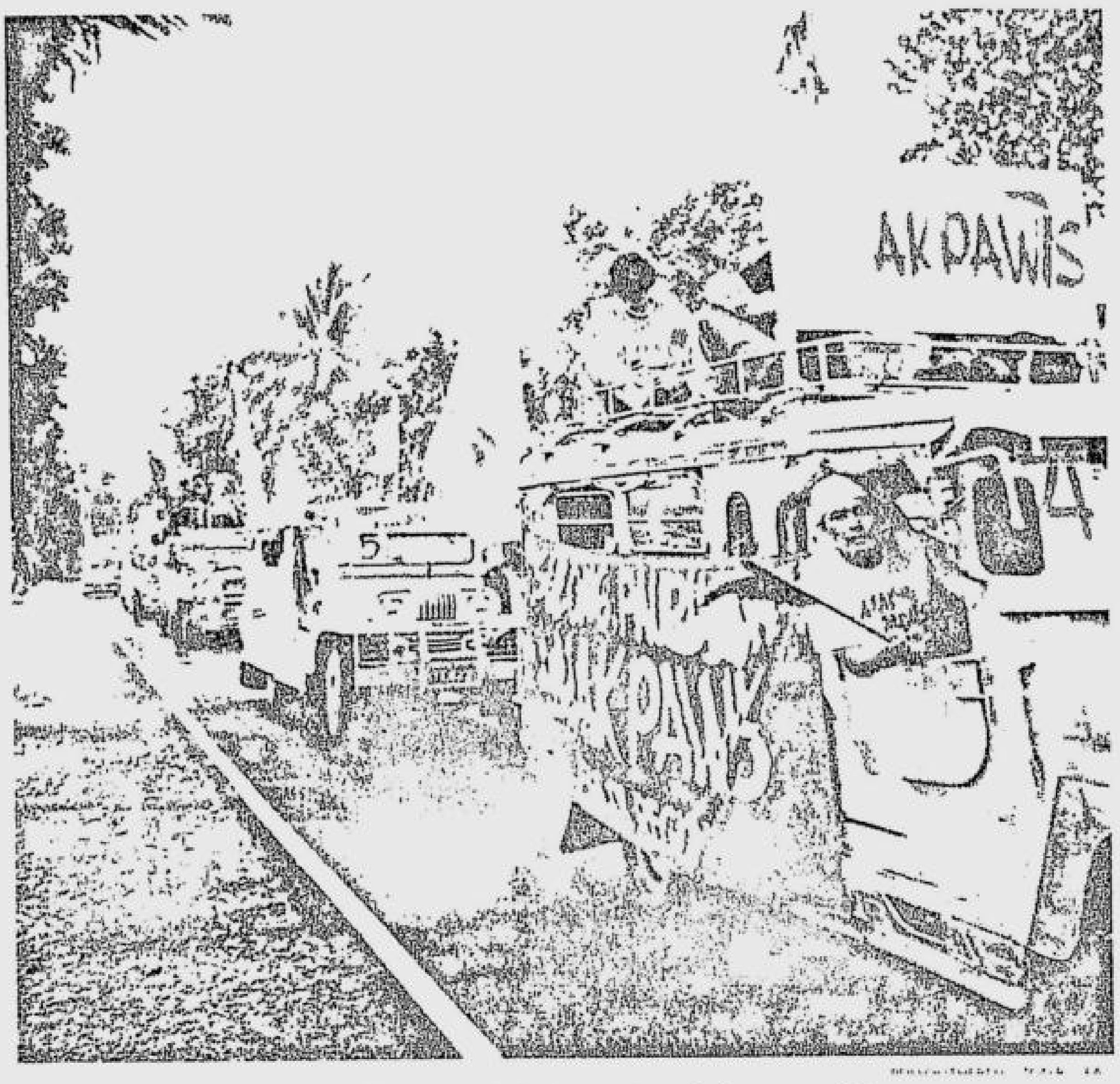

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By Emir Emano Gamis
PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

SORSOGON CITY—Six progressive party list groups accused by National Security Adviser Norberto Gonzales as fronts of the Communist Party of the Philippines started a caravan here on Thursday that will end in Camarines Norte.

Members of Bagong Alyansang Makabayan (Bayan)-Bicol, together with the six party-list groups running for the May 10 elections—Bayan Muna, Anakpawis, Migrante, Anak ng Bayan, Gabriela (GWP) and Suara BangsaMoro Party (Suara) regional chapters condemned what they said were false accusations made by the Alliance for Nationalism and Democracy (Anad) and Kilusan Kontra Komunismo (KKK) that they are fronts of the New People's Army (NPA) and that Bayan Muna is using government funds to support the NPA.

"Those accusations [illegible] and the real motiv[illegible] pre[illegible]vent the people from supporting the party-list groups [illegible] and the accusation [illegible] lent to politic[illegible] repression [illegible] Balatan [illegible] after [illegible] Anakpawis [illegible] Bi[illegible] statement [illegible] Gonzales [illegible]

[illegible] Council on April 2, claimed that the six party-list groups were using their countrywide development funds to "aid and abet the armed struggle of the New People's Army," the armed wing of the CPP.

The groups said Gonzales made the accusations to frighten their supporters and prevent the impending victory of the six party-list groups.

"While President Arroyo and her cohorts are desperately seeking the disqualification of the mass progressive party-lists, they are endorsing the Partido Demokratiko Sosyalista ng Pilipinas (PDSP) Party-list, which has no clear program to benefit the toiling masses," the group said in a statement sent to the P[illegible]

These were the highlights of the welcome program at Bulan, Sorsogon on April 14 and during the programs at the Market District and Barangay Bagong Sirang, Sorsogon City on Friday.

About 600 persons from Sorsogon, Camarines Sur and Masbate on board [illegible] vehicles joined the caravan [illegible] day. Some 1,000 Albayanos [illegible] Anislag, Darag[illegible] joined [illegible] Friday. Bi[illegible] [illegible] expected [illegible] reache[illegible] Camarine[illegible] [illegible]

Historical institute stops demolition of Pampanga building

By Tonette Orejas
PDI Central Luzon Desk

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO—National Historical Institute chair Ambeth Ocampo has recommended the preservation of the Pampanga High School Building which its alumni association plans to demolish to give way to a new building.

The PHS Building, one of two remaining Gabaldon-type school houses in this capital city, should be "preserved for posterity," Ocampo said in a letter to Dr. Ben Manzanero, superintendent of the Department of Education's division of city schools here. The DepEd is the final arbiter on the issue.

"(It) is a significant and irreplaceable historical and cultural heritage from the country's American colonial past," Ocampo said. A copy of the letter was also sent to Mayor Reynaldo Aquino who opposed the plan of the Federation of the PHS Alumni Association.

The association has spearheaded the rehabilitation of the 5.5-hectare campus, the pioneer and centerpiece of American education in the province.

In an interview last March, federation president Angelo David said the association would demolish the building [illegible] cade and in [illegible] place [illegible] three-floor structure [illegible] building [illegible] 5 campus.

But David said [illegible] be modified based [illegible] of the DepEd.

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A pediatrician, Agbayani [illegible] Kalusugan sa Barangay [illegible] the [illegible] sion program of the province [illegible]

"During our missio[illegible] dren with disabilitie[illegible] where to send them to [illegible] We [illegible] therefore thankful that the Breaking Bar[illegible] for Children program is being implemented [illegible] the province," she said.

Kampi Executive Director Ver[illegible] said there was a need to establish [illegible] centers for children with [illegible] poor families cannot afford the [illegible] cost to [illegible]

65 centers

Kampi has put up [illegible] centers all over [illegible] try which cater to some 7,000 children [illegible] said. In Pangasinan, the program hopes [illegible] out to some 2,500 children aged 0-14. From [illegible] city alone, 150 children are enrolled at the STAC.

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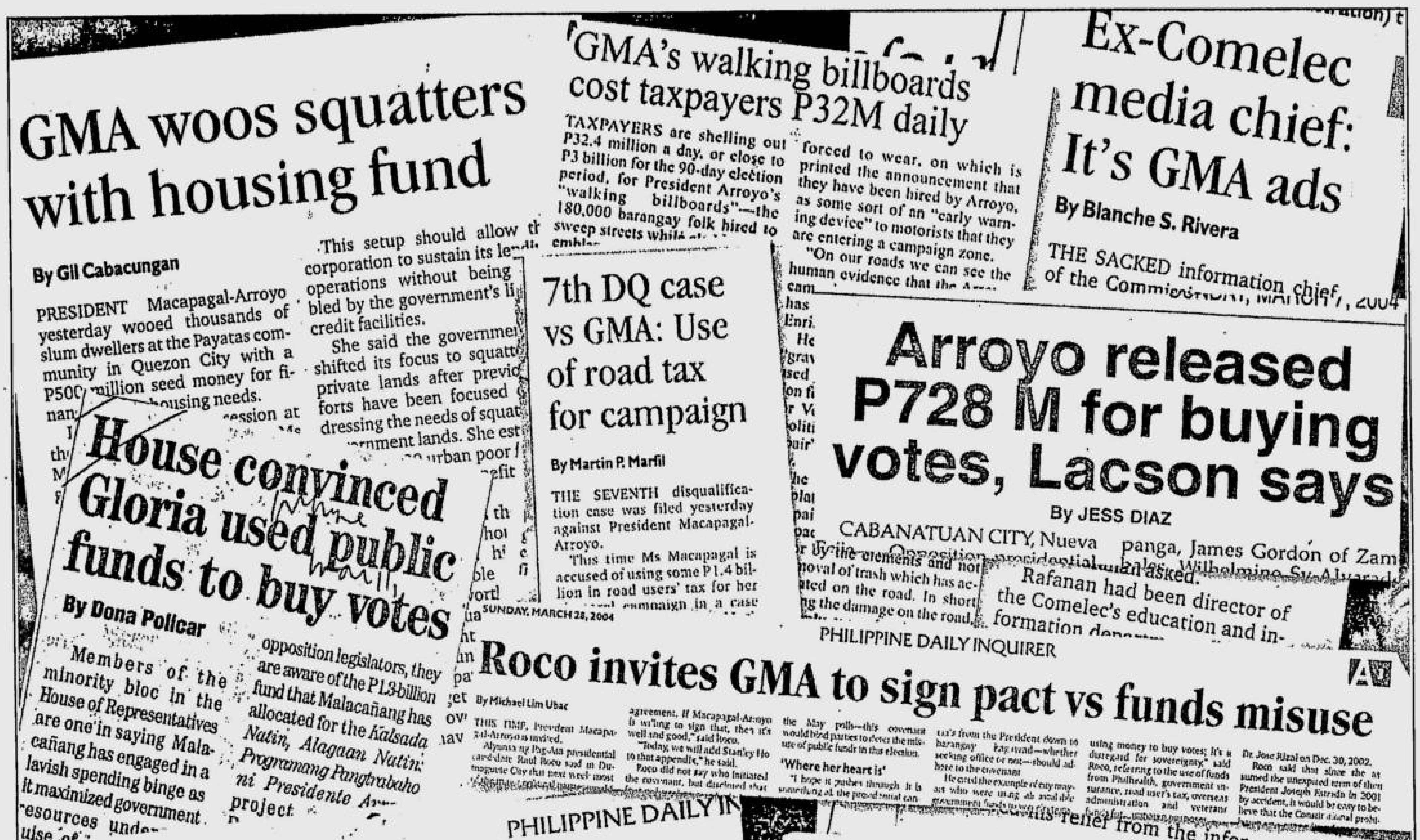

GMA woos squatters with housing fund

By Gil Cabacungan

PRESIDENT Macapagal-Arroyo yesterday wooed thousands of slum dwellers at the Payatas community in Quezon City with a P500 million seed money for financing housing needs.

This setup should allow the corporation to sustain its lending operations without being hobbled by the government's limited credit facilities.

She said the government shifted its focus to squatters in private lands after previous efforts have been focused on addressing the needs of squatters in government lands.

'GMA's walking billboards cost taxpayers P32M daily

TAXPAYERS are shelling out P32.4 million a day, or close to P3 billion for the 90-day election period, for President Arroyo's "walking billboards"—the 180,000 barangay folk hired to sweep streets while

forced to wear, on which is printed the announcement that they have been hired by Arroyo, as some sort of an "early warning device" to motorists that they are entering a campaign zone.

"On our roads we can see the human evidence that the

Ex-Comelec media chief: It's GMA ads

By Blanche S. Rivera

THE SACKED information chief of the Commission

7th DQ case vs GMA: Use of road tax for campaign

By Martin P. Marfil

THE SEVENTH disqualification case was filed yesterday against President Macapagal-Arroyo.

This time Ms Macapagal is accused of using some P1.4 billion in road users' tax for her campaign in a case

SUNDAY, MARCH 28, 2004

Arroyo released P728 M for buying votes, Lacson says

By JESS DIAZ

CABANATUAN CITY, Nueva Ecija — Opposition presidential

panga, James Gordon of Zambales, Wilhelmino Sy-Alvarado asked.

Rafanan had been director of the Comelec's education and information department

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House convinced Gloria used public funds to buy votes

By Dona Policar

Members of the minority bloc in the House of Representatives are one in saying Malacañang has engaged in a lavish spending binge as it maximized government resources under

opposition legislators, they are aware of the P1.3-billion fund that Malacañang has allocated for the *Kalsada Natin, Alagaan Natin: Programang Pangtrabaho ni Presidente Arroyo* project.

Roco invites GMA to sign pact vs funds misuse

By Michael Lim Ubac

THIS TIME, President Macapagal-Arroyo is invited.

Alyansa ng Pag-Asa presidential candidate Raul Roco said in Dumaguete City that next week most

agreement. If Macapagal-Arroyo is willing to sign that, then it's well and good," said Roco.

"Today, we will add Stanley Ho to that appendix," he said.

Roco did not say who initiated the covenant, but disclosed that

the May polls—this covenant would bind parties to deter the misuse of public funds in this election.

'Where her heart is'

"I hope it pushes through. It is something all the presidential can

using money to buy votes; It's a disregard for sovereignty," said Roco, referring to the use of funds from Philhealth, government insurance, road user's tax, overseas administration and veterans

Dr. Jose Rizal on Dec. 30, 2002.

Roco said that since the assumed the unexpired term of then President Joseph Estrada in 2001 by accident, it would be easy to believe that the Constitutional prohi

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GMA 'walking billboards' costing gov't P30M a day, says Enrile

By Carlito Pablo

THE GOVERNMENT is spending at least P30 million a day to pay for the ubiquitous street sweepers clad in blue long-sleeved shirts bearing the initials of President Macapagal-Arroyo.

According to opposition senatorial candidate Juan Ponce Enrile, these "walking billboards" would cost taxpayers close to P3 billion for the entire duration of the 90-day election campaign period.

At six sweepers per kilometer of the 31,000 kms of national roads in the entire country, there are 180,000 of these sweepers employed to "model GMA's campaign T-shirt," Enrile said in a statement.

Car registration fees

He said the street sweepers paid P180 per day from the the campaign period on Feb.

"They have been hired by G some sort of early warning de motorists that they are enter campaign zone," Enrile said.

The street sweepers' pay co from car registration fee collecti officially known as the motor veh user's charge (MVUC).

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JOSE RIZAL

Educators say GMA scholarship plan is recycled Ninoy project

By Dona Z. Pazzibugan

HAS PRESIDENT Macapagal-Arroyo run out of fresh ideas that she had to claim credit for a scholarship program that had long been in existence just to ensure her victory in the May elections?

ted for SAFE 4 SR which Malacañang launched with much fanfare on Jan. 27 at the Araneta Coliseum came from one of their scholarship funds.

Ms Macapagal that day released P200 million and promised another P100 million for the program.

longer collect repayment from the students

Under the CHEd's study now pay later scheme, students from freshmen to seniors could get loans of up to P7,200 per semester payable in 10 years.

Floro has been preventively

"Ping" Lacson.

Extra P1B from Palace for GMA road project

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P1-billion

roadside work activities will only last up to February or March of this year.

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district engineers see are more work activities then another MoA will between the district rs and the barangay Mutoc said.

mber of barangays in areas nationwide have

GMA accused of using gov't funds in campaign

By Norman Bordadora

FERTILIZER subsidies from government for non-existent farmlands and medicines for "ghost" patients.

That could be enough for presidential candidate

replied: "Definitely."

The senator, who is running on an anti-corruption platform, revealed that he has received reports that at least P10 million each

Arroyo scholarship for poor Pinoys a cruel joke —Binay

from the private sector

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There is no justification for the diversion, misuse and abuse of billions of pesos in scarce public funds for obviously politically-motivated projects and programs three months before the May elections. The Filipino people are not dumb. Nor are they deaf, blind or insensitive to the unconscionable raid on the national treasury in aid of election.

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Sen. Pimentel keeps Mindanao vigil

Editor's note: The INQUIRER Mindanao starts a series of articles on senatorial candidates from Mindanao.

By Ryan Rosauro
Ozamiz City

AT ONE point in the country's recent history, Sen. Aquilino "Nene" Pimentel Jr. was looked up to as Mindanao's freshest hope of installing one of its own in the hallowed halls of Malacañang.

The closest opportunity for a politician from Mindanao to rule the country was when the late Emmanuel Pelaez, a native of Medina, Misamis Oriental, became vice president in 1961.

A look into Pimentel's life provides hints why he is considered worthy of the expectation. No less than the late Sen. Benigno Aquino Jr. noticed his being good material for the presidency.

Pimentel was one of the few high-profile leaders from Mindanao during the struggle to oust then President Ferdinand Marcos from power in the 1970s and early 1980s. For his stand, he and his family suffered from political harassment.

Arrested 4 times

He was arrested and detained four times by the regime. In 1983, he was put on house arrest for seven months on rebellion charges. Shortly after, he was held for allegedly engaging in ambuscades in Cebu.

When Corazon Aquino rose to power in the wake of the Edsa uprising of 1986, Pimentel held the powerful post of minister of local government. His office was then overseeing the full takeover of local governments through the installation of pro-Edsa personalities as officers in charge. The move was seen as a veiled purging of pro-Marcos local leaders.

Pimentel left the Executive branch to become a senator in 1987. He advocated against graft and corruption and for electoral reforms and people empowerment. He pioneered the idea of shifting into a federal form of government, especially to enhance the inclusion into the body politic of people from Mindanao.

Local autonomy

But he left his deepest mark in national legislative history when he shepherded the passage of Republic Act No. 7160, known as the Local Government Code of 1991. The law redrew the landscape of Philippine political administration by liberating the provinces, cities, municipalities and barangays from over-dependence on the central government by increasing their powers and share in the nation's wealth.

Pimentel also authored the landmark Organic Act that created the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao and provided the Muslim minority with an opportunity for political rule consistent with their shared culture and tradition. This is a major component in the drive to quell unrest and secessionist movements in the Muslim-dominated provinces of Mindanao.

In 1987, he served as chief government negotiator in the peace talks with the Moro rebels. He ran and won as senator and postured as a presidential contender in the 1992 general elections. He slid to become vice presidential candidate but lost to fellow Sen. Joseph Estrada.

He made a comeback in 1995 but was defeated due to alleged massive vote-rigging operations.

In 1998, he was back in the Senate and held such posts as Senate president, minority leader, majority leader, and chair of the blue ribbon committee.

As Senate president, he led the body through one of its tumultuous periods in 2000 when it acted as a court hearing the Estrada impeachment case.

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Digging 'Digs' Dilangalen

By Nash B. Maulana
Cotabato City

DIDAGEN "Digs" Piang Dilangalen is hoping that his adherence to and "fight for what many others believe is right" could boost his senatorial bid in the May 10 polls.

The three-term congressman of Maguindanao and Cotabato City is no stranger to the political adage *"walang iwanan"* (no desertion) which the camp of then President Joseph Estrada coined during the most critical moments leading to his downfall three years ago.

People, Dilangalen said, would often hear him preaching the Constitution in his defenses of Estrada in Congress and in other public engagements. "Sometimes, I get to be misunderstood ... many of them would ask me why I do keep on defending Erap and with the same Constitution he used to declare his 'all-out war' against your people," he said.

Muslim tradition

This brings him down memory lane, and as far back as the time of his paternal great-grandfather, Rajah Muda Datu Ali, the hero of Cotabato Valley, who was killed by American soldiers in 1903 while fighting for his people's freedom.

Also hailed by historians, Dilangalen recalled, were his father (Datu Mungang) and two uncles (Datu Midpantao and Datu Manteel) for defying the order of their American superiors to surrender during World War II.

Deeply rooted in his family line is a Muslim tradition called *"patiunong,"* which holds adherence to a friend or relative "in a fight for a principled cause"—in this case, he said, his adherence to the Constitution and the rule of law. It has become the guiding principle of his professional and political life.

Dilangalen believes that like anyone else, Estrada has his rights under the Constitution, "under which he was elected and sworn into office as President of the Republic, which I continue to uphold up to this time."

But beyond that, he said, is his advocacy for everyone's constitutional right to education, government protection and a better society to live in, "the same right that Muslims questioning his political stance are seeking under Islamic law."

Quickly, Dilangalen would quote a line or two from the Theology of St. Thomas of Aquinas whenever asked of similarities between his Islam belief and Christianity. "There should be a continuing fight for that right for our children and the children of our children," he said.

But there were times, he said, when one had to give in to some compromise for some *quid pro quo*, such as when his staff had to drop the "Erap-Digs" in the study grant he annually sponsored in Congress for poor students, in favor of the GMA-Digs Scholarship Program. Of course, project billboards in his congressional district have his name under that of President Macapagal-Arroyo.

Dilangalen is the first Maguindanao Muslim to run for senator since 1971 when Cotabato Rep. Salipada Pendatun (a paternal uncle) was one of the first two elected Muslim senators in 1946 but lost a comeback bid in 1971.

Hope fading for Roco party

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president.

"Well, that's up to him, that's up to him," Roco said in a phone interview with dzRH. "You can't change that. I hold another view (on my chances of winning), but that's up to him."

"We can't do anything about that," Roco added.

He declined further comment on the issue. But he said Osmeña "agreed" with his decision to seek US treatment for his chronic back pain.

The 62-year-old former education secretary is undergoing tests at an undisclosed hospital in Houston, Texas, to determine his illness and the kind of cure he needs.

Contrary to rumors

"The fight continues contrary to rumors (that I have quit), I assure the people," Roco said in the interview. "And once it becomes certain that I won't be able to serve fully well, I will tell this to the people myself." *(Related story on Page A2.)*

Osmeña, one of Alyansa's pillars, said the other day that he and other party officials had realized Roco could no longer win and they had decided to limit their choices to President Macapagal-Arroyo and Sen. Panfilo "Ping" Lacson.

It was only less than five months ago that Roco's Aksyon Demokratiko, Osmeña's Promdi and former Defense Secretary Renato de Villa's Reporma joined forces to form Alyansa.

The aim was to capture Malacañang.

Dream is over?

They had billed Alyansa as the only party that could offer the country a chance to reform a political system built on patronage and reeking of corruption, and fulfill its long delayed economic promise.

Has the promise gone up in smoke?

Roco loyalists insist their ailing leader will be back before the elections. But others cannot wait.

In Cebu City, Promdi leaders from Mindanao urged Osmeña, a former Cebu governor, to run for president in case Roco withdraws.

But Osmeña was reluctant to make any commitment.

Senatorial candidate Frank Chavez agreed with Aquino.

"This is anathema to the unity of the Alyansa," Chavez told the INQUIRER. "You can't talk of an alternative candidate while the Alyansa is still existing."

Chavez urged Roco, Osmeña and De Villa to talk soon and thresh out the matter among themselves, stressing that this should not be decided by "any one of three" alone.

"The three of them should get their act together for the solidification of the Alyansa," Chavez said. "It can be done."

"But the desire (to resolve this) must be accompanied by earnestness. Without sincerity, the talk of shoring up the defenses of the Alyansa will mean nothing."

Senatorial candidate Bong Coo herself is looking for answers.

"What happens now to the alliance?" she said, when asked about the possibility of Osmeña switching over support to either Lacson or Ms Macapagal.

Aquino disagreed with the Promdi officials' view that Roco's chances of winning were now nil.

The unforeseen

"Definitely not, but we have to work double time," Aquino said. "The election is only three weeks away and with his impending return and the unity talks of the FPJ (Fernando Poe Jr.) and Lacson camps, a lot of movements can still happen."

The INQUIRER repeatedly tried to reach Jaime Galvez-Tan, Roco's campaign spokesperson, to no avail.

A top Roco ally, who asked not be named, said Osmeña had given broad hints that he would support the entire Alyansa ticket in the elections—except for Roco.

Osmeña has not said why he is withdrawing his support for Roco but the ally surmised this was an offshoot of Roco's rejection of Osmeña's supposed deal with the Lacson camp when the two Alyansa leaders met in Bohol during Holy Week.

That meeting reportedly ended on a bitter note.

Since then and until Roco left for the US, the two had not talked, according to the source.

Osmeña recently held possible merger talks with Lacson's political adviser Lito Banayo and Rep. Agapito "Butz" Aquino, spurring reports—denied by Banayo—that the Lacson camp had offered P100 million in campaign funds for the Alyansa ticket.

Secret vote

Osmeña's act was not authorized by the party, Roco loyalists said.

In Cebu, Osmeña yesterday clarified that the secret balloting held among Promdi leaders was just in preparation for whatever decision Roco might make on his return from abroad.

"This is just in preparation for his (Roco) decision and we should be ready because time is very short," Osmeña said.

"*Basin diay mo-uli 'to si Roco ug mag-jogging* (Roco might come home and jog)," he quipped.

Osmeña said he was trying to get in touch with Roco to get an update on his health condition.

In Friday's secret balloting, the choices before the Promdi officials was whom to support if Roco withdrew: Ms Macapagal, Lacson or none at all.

Osmeña said what he did was just to get a consensus among party members so they would be ready if Roco dropped out of the race.

Vote inconclusive

He said the process would continue on Monday because he wanted to include the Promdi candidates, aside from party officials.

Osmeña said he could not divulge the results of the vote because it was still inconclusive and could be considered a black smoke.

"I want the nearest to unanimity," he added

Former Promdi partylist Rep. Joy Augustus Young said he stated during the vote that the party should not endorse any candidate if Roco withdrew.

He said Osmeña told them the balloting was to prepare for Roco's possible withdrawal and did not mean they would no longer be campaigning for Roco, in the meantime.

Poe out

Young said Osmeña did not include Poe among the choices because the party did not believe the actor was capable of running the country.

Aside from the secret vote, Osmeña said he also talked to his leaders in the Visayas and Mindanao.

A Promdi official, Fermin "Nanding Celeste". Celestial, the party's candidate for vice governor, divulged on local radio in Wednesday night that party officials discussed about the consequences of Roco's abrupt departure to the United States.

Celestial said Promdi leaders were very concerned about Roco's ability to continue to campaign in view of his health condition.

If Roco could no longer pursue his bid, the Promdi leaders wanted Osmeña to take over, he added.

Vic Dumon, Alyansa's provincial coordinator in Cebu, said five Promdi leaders from Mindanao attended.

During the meeting, Celestial said leaders from Agusan, Cotabato and Bukidnon called and talked to Osmeña and asked him to run as Roco's replacement.

Celestial said Osmeña avoided making any commitment.

Save the party

Osmeña did not want to talk about it because he was afraid he would be misunderstood and that other people might think he and Promdi were happy at Roco's absence, Celestial said.

He said Osmeña told them to just wait because he would talk to Roco and consult the Cebuanos.

Osmeña also told the group he would call another meeting.

Celestial told the INQUIRER the clamor of Promdi leaders was to save the party in the absence of Roco, especially in light of the uncertainty about his health.

Young was not keen about pushing Osmeña to run for president.

"He's too late in the game," said Young, a member of the board of Promdi.

Dumon, for his part, said Promdi leaders from Mindanao insisted that, if Roco withdrew, the alliance must put up a substitute candidate and Osmeña was recommended.

Osmeña said he would discuss their suggestion with Roco and De Villa, Dumon said.

Dumon added the proposal would not prosper because Roco would not quit, in the first place.

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PRESIDENTIAL sweetener: Now, it's discount cards for farmers during the launching of the Hunger Free Philippines Program at the Narciso Ramos Sports Complex in Lingayen, Pangasinan.

Poll trending tells . . .

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polls conducted by the SWS.

First is the basic question on voter preferences for President if the elections were held today.

Voter preference for Fernando Poe Jr. is strong but has slipped when compared to the highs registered in January.

Jan 16-22	36.3 percent
Jan 28-Feb 6	37.5
Feb 17-25	30.5
Mar 11-19	34.9
Mar 21-29	32.0

President Macapagal-Arroyo began slowly but is gaining ground.

Jan 16-22	26.5 percent
Jan 28-Feb 6	28.7
Feb 17-25	31.8
Mar 11-19	32.9
Mar 21-29	31.4

Raul Roco got a fifth of the sample surveyed in January, but support for him has been eroding.

Jan 16-22	19.2 percent
Jan 28-Feb 6	17.4
Feb 17-25	17.9
Mar 11-19	13.1
Mar 21-29	15.0

Panfilo Lacson is stuck on a plateau with a tenth of the vote.

Jan 16-22	11.5 percent
Jan 28-Feb 6	8.4
Feb 17-25	11.4
Mar 11-19	11.5
Mar 21-29	11.2

Bro. Eddie Villanueva trails the four more credible candidates. It is highly unlikely that he will become a serious contender by May.

Jan 16-22	1.0 percent
Jan 28-Feb 6	1.7
Feb 17-25	1.8
Mar 11-19	2.4
Mar 21-29	2.8

Class support/bailiwicks

Given these ratios, it really is a two-horse race between Ms Macapagal and Poe. Hence, analysis should focus on these two.

How do the different classes size up the leading candidates?

Voting support for the President cuts evenly across all classes: 31 percent in the mostly middle-class ABC; 31 percent in the poor class D; and 32 percent in the destitute class E.

The lower the socioeconomic class, the greater was support for Poe. Poe's ratings in the latest SWS survey were 18 percent in class ABC, 30 percent in class D, and 39 percent in class E.

What are their geographical bailiwicks?

Poe leads in Luzon and Mindanao while Ms Macapagal is queen of the Visayas.

SWS March 21-29, 2004 survey

	FPJ	GMA
Metro Manila	27 %	25 %
Rest of Luzon	33	25
Visayas	23	45
Mindanao	42	35

Firm vs soft convictions

How solid is their support? This was the question that SWS ran in the poll of Jan. 15 to 22, 2004.

"Going back one last time to your first choice as President at the beginning of the interview, would you say that you ... (have firmly made up your mind/have probably made up your mind/can still easily change your mind)?"

The replies were as follows:

Firmly for the candidate	46 percent
Probably for	20
Can change	30
No answer	4

The replies to this question were cross-tabulated with the question on the preferred candidate for President.

Among those whose first choice was Ms Macapagal:

Firmly for	44 percent
Probably for	20
Can change	36

Among those whose first choice was Poe:

Firmly for	58 percent
Probably for	20
Can change	22

Exit scenarios

What will happen then if either Roco or Lacson formally exit the presidential derby?

SWS asked the respondents for their second choice for President in the March 19 to 29 survey.

Among those whose first choice was Roco (15 percent), their second-choice votes were distributed in the following order: Ms Macapagal (5.6 percent), Poe (4.3 percent), Lacson (2.2 percent), and Villanueva (1 percent).

Among those whose first choice was Lacson (11.2 percent), their second-choice votes were: Poe (5 percent), Roco (3 percent), Ms Macapagal (1.4 percent), and Villanueva (0.5 percent).

What factors will affect the race in the immediate horizon? What could break the tie?

One is that the campaign for local positions will likely favor the party with the bigger machine. The administration clearly has the edge here.

Another factor, which was too recent to show up in the surveys, is Roco's having gone on medical leave.

On the opposition side, Lacson may just sacrifice his ambitions for the sake of a Poe victory. The next few weeks should prove to be exciting.

SE Asia's first windmills to rise in Ilocandia

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The plant is expected to be ready for operation by December, with an initial output of 25 megawatts that will complement the local supply from the National Power Corp.

Power distribution will be handled by the Ilocos Norte Electric Cooperative.

Unstable supply

An Ilocano and a consultant of the provincial government, Dumlao himself pushed the idea to build the wind farm in Ilocos Norte.

"I know there is a big need to improve our electricity [supply]," he said. "Because we are situated at the end of the Napocor grid, we are often the first to suffer whenever there's a disturbance or reduction of supply at the source."

Dumlao noted that this "unstable power supply" had long been a turnoff to prospective investors in the province despite its good roads, seaport and airport.

He said NorthWind, whose ownership is 60-percent Filipino and 40-percent Danish, "took its cue" from studies conducted by the Department of Energy on the viability of building wind farms in the country.

To run, the turbines need "continuous wind" with an average speed of at least seven meters per second or 26 km per hour.

'Wind is free'

The winds sweeping Ilocos Norte shores are much stronger than that, he said.

The project is largely funded by a $29-million soft loan from the Danish International Development Agency, Dumlao said.

He conceded that it would be cheaper to build conventional power plants driven by fossil fuels, mainly coal or diesel. Building such plants entails a cost of $800,000 per megawatt, while wind farms require up to about $1.2 million per megawatt.

"But wind is free, so a wind farm comes out cheaper in the long run," he pointed out. "It doesn't rely on imported fuels which are subject to price increases and the peso-dollar exchange rate. The maintenance cost is also lower."

He added: "If the planned Bangui plant would still be run by coal, its 25-megawatt capacity would result in 76,000 tons of carbon dioxide being dumped in the atmosphere each year."

Immense potential

"This will be the first wind farm in Southeast Asia and a major turning point in tapping the immense potential of alternative power sources in the Philippines," said WWF-Philippines project manager Raf Senga, who noted that "cleaner sources of energy are making the rounds in the Philippines."

According to Senga, the country is the "second biggest" producer of geothermal power after the United States, and up to 36 rural barangays in Mindanao are now running on solar power.

But in a study released last month, the WWF-Philippines lamented that the power sector was still highly dependent on fossil fuels despite the emergence of earth-friendly technologies for harnessing renewable and cleaner energy.

As of 2001, the study said, the domestic "energy mix" was 60-percent dirty fuel (40-percent coal and 20-percent oil). Geothermal energy only made up 22 percent; hydro power, 15 percent; and natural gas, a measly 2 percent.

But Senga stressed: "[We] remain optimistic that when Filipinos are presented the benefits of choosing clean power sources, there will be no stopping the cleaner winds of change."

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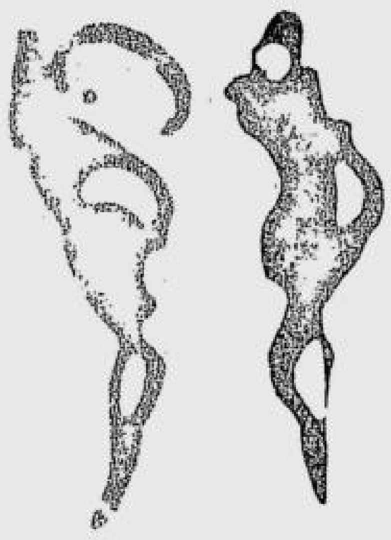

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Patrolling the streets pays off

By Leila B. Salaverria

EFFECTIVE law enforcement can be as simple as policemen patrolling the streets to watch out for criminal elements.

This was proven true Friday night when members of the Special Weapons and Tactics (Swat) team in Manila apprehended four armed suspects, three of them teenagers, who were caught robbing jeepney passengers in Sta. Mesa.

Commotion

The members of the SWAT team of the Western Police District were on patrol along Ramon Magsaysay Boulevard at 10:15 p.m. when they noticed a commotion inside a Sampaloc-bound jeepney.

Suspicious, the policemen approached the jeepney and saw a group of men jumping off and running away. The SWAT team gave chase and caught four suspects.

During investigation, the jeepney's passengers told the police that the four men were part of a group that announced a holdup while the jeepney was near the PNR railway flyover.

Weekend heist

The police said they were extra watchful Friday night because it was payday for many employees and workers.

Recovered from the suspects were the wallets and cellular phones of some of the victims

Fan knives and an ice pick were also seized from suspects Reynaldo Penaflor, 30, of C.P. Garcia Street in Moriones, Tondo; Jaysar Sison, 19, Roel Comedia, 19, both residents of Mabuhay Street in Moriones, and their 17-year-old accomplice.

The suspects are now detained at the WPD headquarters.

Politically-motivated killing resolved as new polls near

By Tina Santos

THE QUEZON City Regional Trial Court has sentenced four men to life imprisonment for killing a neighbor in Albay six years ago over political rivalry.

In a 15-page decision, Judge Maria Theresa Yadao of Quezon City Regional Trial Court Branch 81 also ordered accused Domingo Alpapara, Pedro Alpapara, Alden Paya and Mario Bicuna to pay the heirs of victim Gomez Relorcasa P120,000 as indemnity, actual and moral damages.

The victim and the four accused were neighbors in Barangay Talin-Talin, Libon, Albay, and known supporters of powerful politicians in Ligao and Polangui, Albay, according to court records.

Records also showed that the four men and the victim had a standing political rivalry.

It had been gathered that on the night of Jan. 13, 1998, one of the accused threw stones at the roof of Relorcasa's house while challenging him to a fight.

After a while, the Alpaparas and Paya, who were all armed, barged into Relorcasa's house. The Alpaparas took turns in shooting the victim, while Paya fired shots as they threatened to harm anyone who would testify against them. The accused fled on board a jeep driven by Bicuna, the court said.

The court convicted the four accused on the weight of the testimonies of the victim's sister-in-law, Gavina Relorcasa-Mata, daughter Mary Rose Relorcasa and neighbor Joey Bobis, who were with the victim during the incident.

The case was transferred to Quezon City due to threats to the witnesses' lives.

Public warned against text scams

CONTINUING THE FIGHT
Rex Roco, son of presidential candidate Raul Roco, solicits the support and votes of vendors and patrons as he does the rounds of public markets in Manila. His father is currently seeking medical treatment in the Unites States for a pain in the lower back. PDI PHOTO

By Clarissa Batino

THE ANTI-MONEY Laundering Council (AMLC) has issued a warning to cellular phone owners to be wary of scams that could be coursed through their units.

According to the AMLC, the scams were in the form of text messages informing a mobile phone owner that he had won a large amount of money in a raffle or lottery. The mobile phone owner would then be asked to deposit a certain amount into a bank account number.

Complaints

In 2003, the National Telecommunications Commission (NTC), received 487 complaints from victims of text scams, while the Department of Trade said it received more than 100 queries about the validity of the "lotteries" using the text.

The NTC and AMLC are leading the government's efforts in preventing text scams that have surged in the last two years.

In its warning to the public, the AMLC said that if the text message was not from a four-digit number or the message asked the recipient to pay or donate something, then it was likely a scam.

Modus operandi

Aquino said the scam would usually go this way. A text message is sent telling the receiver that he or she won P1 million in a raffle sponsored by the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas, the Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation or the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office.

The text carries an instruction to call a number where somebody pretending to be the Central Bank governor or the president of Pagcor or PCSO would answer.

The fake personality would instruct the victim to first deposit a 10 percent withholding tax to a certain account number before the prize could be claimed.

KMU dares Mar Roxas to bare thoughts on wage increase

WORKERS' group Kilusang Mayo Uno (KMU) yesterday challenged former Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) Secretary and K4 senatorial candidate Mar Roxas to give his position on the long-standing demand of workers for additional wages.

"The deteriorating value of wages earned by workers can no longer cope with the steadily increasing cost of basic goods and services. Workers need wage hikes to survive and cope with the worsening overall economic slump," KMU secretary general Joel Maglunsod said.

Maglunsod said Roxas, who is now a leading contender in various electoral surveys, must start drafting his plans on imposing price controls as the rising cost of basic goods and services continue to burden ordinary minimum wage earners and poor sectors.

"We challenge Roxas to use his experience as a trade and industry executive to alleviate the condition of poor workers. His title "Mr. Palengke" would be just that—a title, if he doesn't decisively address the basic concerns of ordinary masses, particularly the workers," Maglunsod added.

The labor group said Roxas could influence present DTI officials to outline and execute effective price control measures. As "Mr. Palengke," Roxas must do something to resolve the problem of high prices of commodities.

Maglunsod said that even though President Macapagal-Arroyo again junked the workers' clamor for wage hikes and opted for a non-cash package on Labor Day, he said workers were challenging other political candidates to give their stand on the wage issue. *Tina Santos*

Marikina hospital keeps funds, expands services

By Luige del Puerto

REMEMBER the Amang Rodriguez Medical Center, the government hospital in Marikina City that was supposed to suffer an P18 million cut in its operational budget this year?

Well, here's the good news: The cut did not push through.

According to its director, Dr. Roland Cortez, the Department of Health restored its P22-million budget, which has enabled the hospital to push through with the opening of a new pay wing that is expected to earn between P2 to P3 million a month.

Health Sec. Manuel Dayrit, Mayor Marides Lourdes Fernando and Rep. Del De Guzman, together with other health and local officials, recently inaugurated the new building.

Robin Hood policy

The 28-room hospital wing would be catering mostly to Marikina and Rizal's affluent residents. The income, in turn, would be used to subsidize indigent patients.

"We would be like Robin Hood," Cortez said. "Getting money from the richer patients for the poorer patients."

This was envisioned at the height of the budget realignment controversy early this year, Cortez told the INQUIRER.

In January, ARMC learned that the Department of Health plans to cut its budget to raise P114 million as a counterpart fund for the French Protocol Project.

Under the project, ARMC would receive top of the line hospital equipment from the French government, which has delivered two sets of equipment to the hospital since 1997.

While ARMC would bear the brunt of the cut, the DOH would be pooling in money from other government hospitals as well, according to the plan.

The planned cut put in jeopardy the opening of the new wing, not to mention what the area's poor residents stood to lose from the move, the hospital's officials said.

Fears

Its staff feared that the slash could relegate Amang Rodriguez to a mere emergency and outpatient clinic.

Worse, poor patients could soon be asked to shoulder the bulk of their medical expenses, officials added.

More than 70 percent of the hospital's patients come from poor families.

The 250-bed capacity hospital is one of the best government hospitals in Metro Manila.

"(But) the DOH was able to find funds from other sources," Cortez said. "No government hospital has suffered a budget cut."

"We are very happy, and we thank the DOH for the tremendous support," the ARMC director said.

COOLING OFF
Mary Jane Aguilar, Luzviminda Ibay and Bernadeth Iglesias, three alleged armed robbers preying on victims in Recto and Quiapo, Manila, sleep behind bars after their arrest yesterday. RANDY HORMILLOSA

Slay baffles Manila investigators

THE POLICE are baffled with the killing of a man in Manila, whose body was found before dawn yesterday in Sta. Cruz.

Investigator SPO2 William Gondranios said victim Randee Alejandro, 30, a resident of Dela Costa Homes 2 in Caloocan City, did not appear to miss any of his valuables.

His wallet and cellphone were found intact.

The body of Alejandro was found sprawled along L. Rivera Street at about 1 a.m.

Alejandro bore four stab wounds in the chest and stomach and one in the back.

He also had lacerations on both of his hands, which indicated that he might have tried to fight off his attackers.

Found on his body were a brown wallet, which contained his driver's license and several documents, and his cellular phone.

Residents told investigators that they did not hear any commotion before the victim's body was found.

Confused, the police said they would try to dig up other angles in the case. *Neil Lim*

Four gov't spies spook karaoke bar

FOUR men identified as agents of the National Intelligence Coordinating Agency (NICA) were arrested before dawn Friday for allegedly terrorizing waiters of a KTV bar in Quezon City, police reported yesterday.

The police said Petronilo Tecson, 36; Carlos Bautista, 35; Fermin Mistairez Jr., 33, and Carlo Bolatao, 25, all residents of V. Luna Road, Quezon City, would be facing grave threats charges and cited for violating the Omnibus Election Code for allegedly carrying guns without a Comelec permit.

No apparent reason

The suspects' arrest came following the complaint filed by Reden Navarro, 26; Boyet Panganiban, 24; Franklin Mandor, 35; Romel Dayday, 28; and Victor Tac-an, 27, all waiters of XAYMACA Bar on Timog Avenue.

The complainants said the incident happened at about 3:30 a.m. while they were walking on their way home.

They claimed that the four men, who were allegedly drunk, blocked their path and poked guns at them for no apparent reason, prompting them to seek police assistance.

During interrogation, Navarro, Panganiban, Mandor and Dayday denied the allegations. *Tina Santos*

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NBA Playoffs 2004-Rockets vs Lakers, Game 1, Western First Round, 10:30 a.m. (r-8 p.m.); Solar Sports—The NBA's second season begins as Yao and Stevie Franchise make their playoff debut against Shaq and Kobe.
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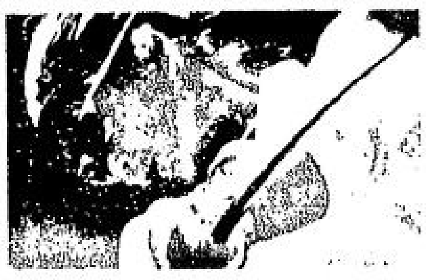

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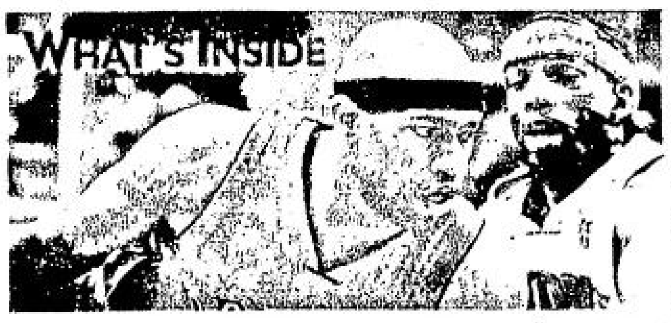

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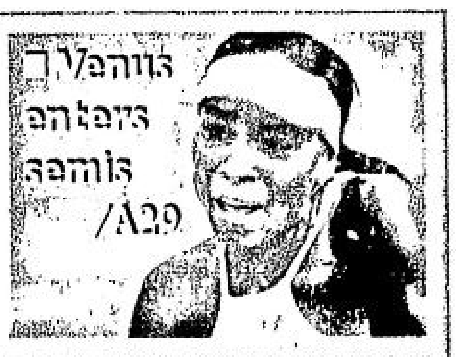


■ Venus enters semis /A29

Quiñones moves up; Feliciano tops stage

By Marc Anthony Reyes

LUCENA CITY—The mountain bikers couldn't have picked a better place to make their moves—high up the dreaded Tatlong Eme.

Philippine mountain bike teammates Eusebio Quiñones and Frederick Feliciano conquered one of Quezon Province's forbidding stretch of road and went down taking the yellow jersey and the Stage 3 victory, respectively, in the Air21 Pilipinas Tour 2004 yesterday.

But their tales of triumph were overshadowed by defending champion Arnel Quirimit's acceptance of defeat so early in the bikathon.

Quirimit, stricken with the flu and nursing a fever for two days now, stood 26 minutes and 18 seconds off Quiñones after checking in 25 minutes 37 seconds behind Feliciano. He admitted that he can't possibly catch up with the front-runners.

"I will just try to help my teammates, but taking the overall lead would be very hard now," said Quirimit as he abandoned his bid for a rare back-to-back title.

He said he started feeling ill after arriving early this week from Japan, where he and the Philippine team competed in an Olympic qualifying race. "It was very cold there (Japan), while it was very hot here," he said.

Quiñones, riding for Purefoods, came home one minute and 48 seconds behind Feliciano to snare the overall leadership from Merculio Ramos, who did not recover after being caught in a mass spill in Gumaca.

Feliciano broke away from the lead pack with a daredevil run down Tatlong Eme and topped the lung-busting stage from Daet, Camarines Norte, with a time of five hours, nine minutes and 21 seconds to advance from 52nd to fifth place overall.

Rookie Albin Benosa was third for the day and took second overall just 46 seconds off Quiñones with Renato Dolosa and Garry Apolinar sharing third, 2 minutes 49 seconds behind.

The 30-year-old Quiñones of Basud, Camarines Norte, was also held back by that spill that was caused by a deep crevice in the center of the elevated railroad tracks.

But Quiñones wasn't hurt and he later caught up with the lead pack.

Flu dashes Quirimit's title hopes

LUCENA CITY—He tried to keep it a secret for two days.

But yesterday's punishing Tatlong Eme climb brought out the truth in defending champion Arnel Quirimit: He can't go on any longer.

Quirimit, 28, was nearly in tears when he told the INQUIRER that he can no longer defend the title. He is stricken with the flu and is nursing a fever since the second stage in Naga City.

"I was just trying to push on," said Quirimit, who finished the third stage 73rd among the 84 competitors, 27 minutes and 16 seconds behind stage winner Frederick Feliciano.

He was hardly noticed finishing the 207.1-km stage as most of the cyclists have already checked in by the time he passed by. When he came in, the crowd had considerably thinned out, with the workers starting to bring down posters and streamers.

He had cough, chills and muscle pains, but Tour doctors gave him medicine and the thumbs up to continue.

Quirimit, however, is already 26 minutes 16 seconds off the overall pace and is ranked 63rd.

"I can recover and finish the race," said Quirimit. "But defending the title and gunning for the overall lead would be very hard."

"My body gave in because of the heat here, considering that we endured very cold weather in Japan," he said.

Quirimit competed in the Asian championships, the Olympic qualifying event held last week in Yocaichi, Japan.

He placed 16th overall but failed to book a slot to Athens. *M. A. Reyes*

Tanduay street party at finish line

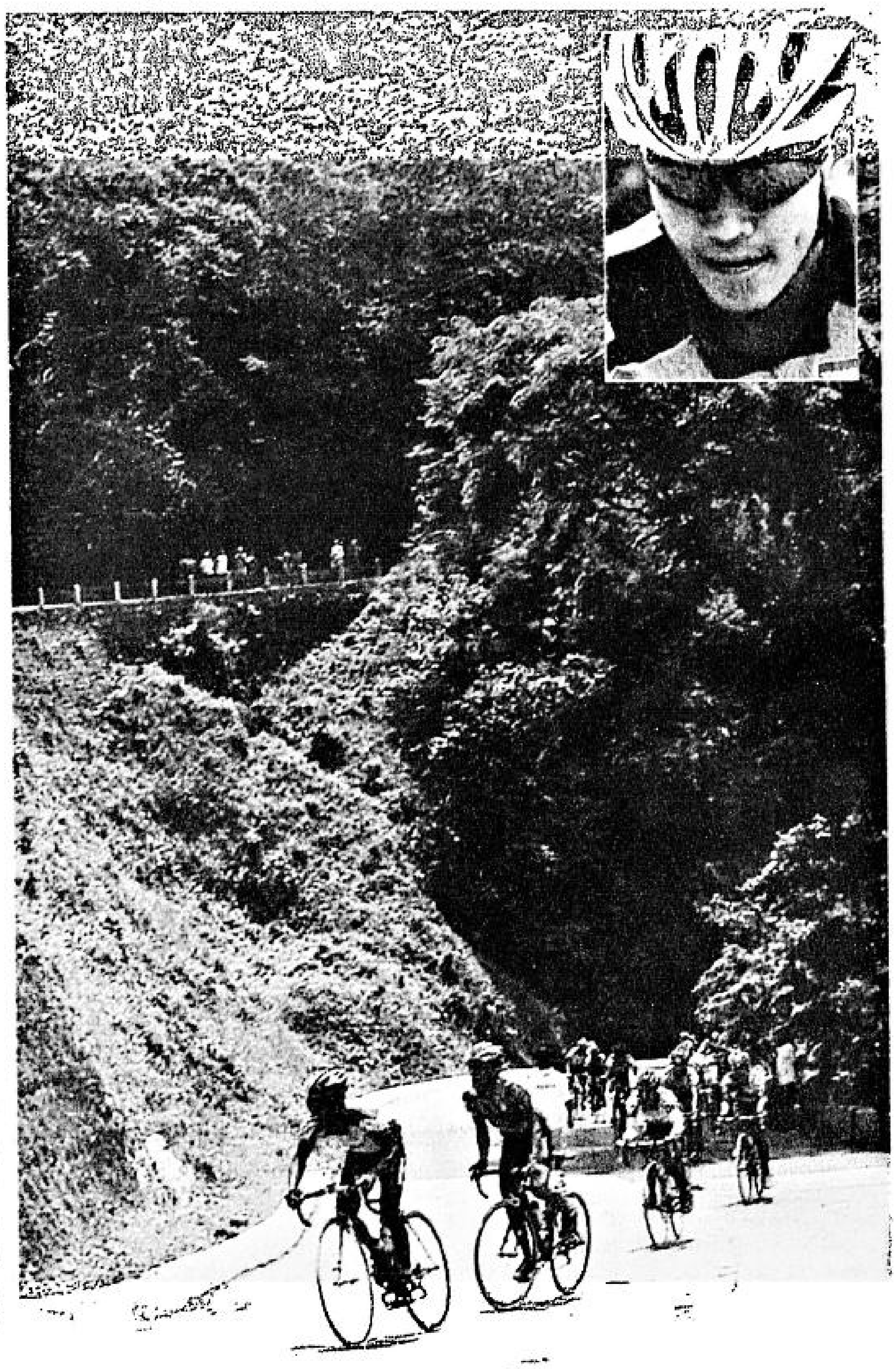
LUCENA CITY, Quezon—Even with the team struggling, Tanduay officials are continuing with one of the more interesting sidelights and activities in the ongoing Air21 Tour Pilipinas 2004 cycling marathon.

In every town plaza where every finish line is being staged, a virtual street party goes on after each lap, held in part of Tanduay's celebration of its 150th Anniversary dubbed "Celebrating the Filipino Spirit."

Larry Li, advertising manager of Tanduay, also acts as the head of the team and in-charge of the festivities after every lap. Product samplings and a videoke contest highlight the party, though no one under 18 years old is allowed to take part.

"Tanduay is proud to be associated with the Tour Pilipinas," Li said. "This is but a small part which the company can play in giving something back to those who patronize our products and to those who support Team Tanduay."

The Tanduay Rhum Riders are in ninth spot in the team race, trailing Samsung by five minutes and 30 seconds in the race for the P1-million champion's purse.



THE LEAD pack negotiates the 'killer lap' at Tatlong Eme in Atimonan, Quezon. Feliciano (inset) won the lap.
ROMY HOMILLADA

STAGE 3 RESULTS

1. F. Feliciano (Patrol 117) 5:09:21 2. E. Quinones (Purefoods) 3. A. Benosa (Metro Drug) 1:48 behind. 4. R. Dolosa (Metro Drug) 5. G. Apolinar (Postmen) 1:52 6. L. Atilano (Mail and More) 5:30 7. E. Domingo (Postmen) 5:36 8. B. Ravina (Vat Riders) 14:58 9. D. Ganigan (Vat Riders) 14:58 10. J. Calderon (Beer na Beer) 14:58 behind.

Team Standings
1. Metro Drug 32:24:09
2. Patrol 117 1:53 behind
3. Postmen 2:22 behind
4. Purefoods 2:30 behind
5. Samsung 4:50 behind
6. Dole 6:58 behind
7. Beer na Beer 9:08 behind
8. Vat Riders 9:27 behind
9. Tanduay 10:36 behind
10. PLDT 10:49 behind

Overall individual standings (After Stage 3)

E. Quinones 10:44:41
A. Benosa 46 secs. behind
G. Apolinar, R. Dolosa, 2:36 mins. behind
E. Feliciano, 2:49 mins. behind
E. Domingo, 4:32 mins. behind
M. Ramos, 4:38 mins. behind
E. Obosa, 4:45 mins. behind
A. Marcelo, 4:48 mins. behind
C. Felix, 4:57 mins. behind
V. Baluyot 5:30 mins. behind
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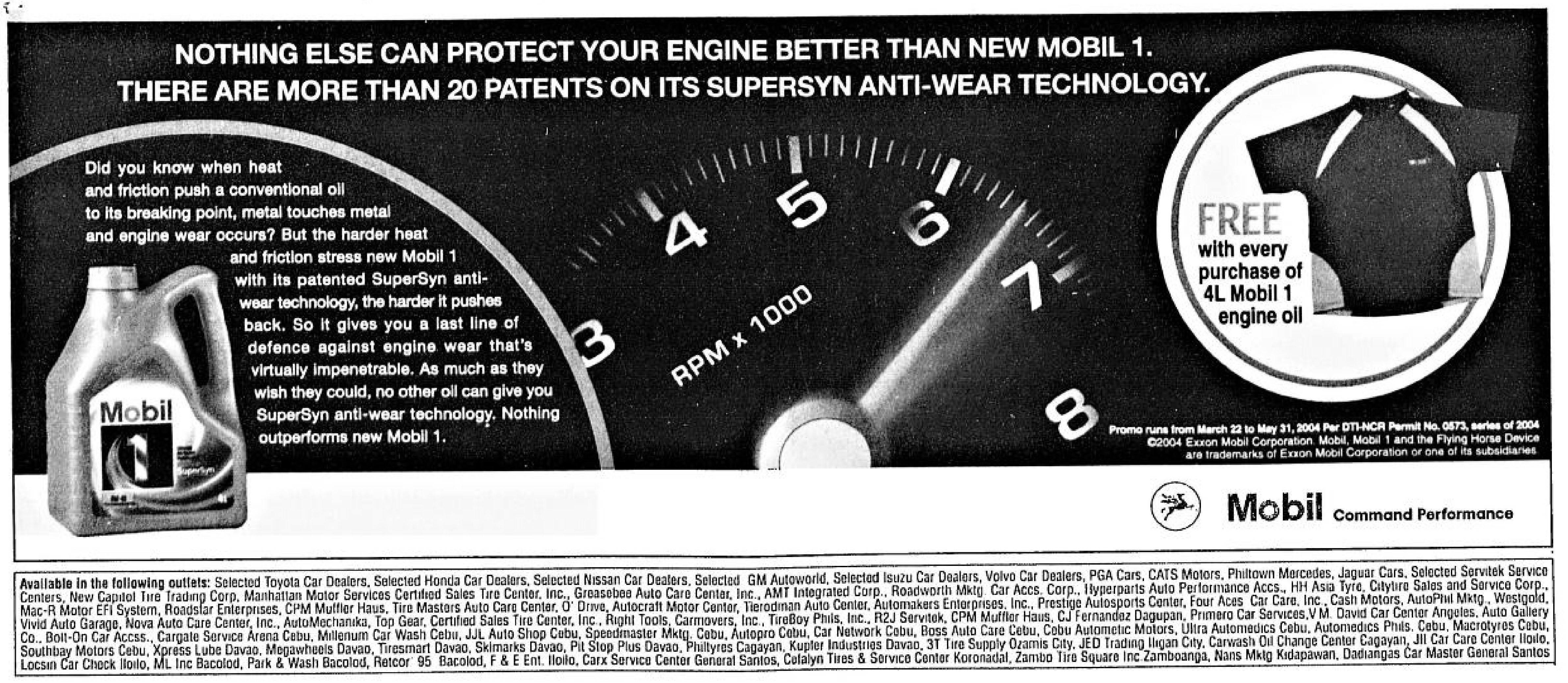

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Jenny back in the hunt with mentor as caddie

By Jong Arcano

TWO days after firing her longtime caddie, Jenny Rosales found a new spark in her game and moved in contention for her first top 10 finish in the young LPGA season.

With her swing coach, Bong Lopez, carrying the bag, Rosales made the day's biggest jump when she fired a 4-under-par 68 to join a logjam for 11th spot after the second round of the LPGA Takefuji Classic at the Las Vegas Country Club in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Still to make a ripple after being hounded by a wrist injury early in the year, Rosales appears poised to post his best showing in four starts.

Rosales gunned down five birdies, three of them in succession, in a six-hole stretch from the seventh that sent her skyrocketing near the top after a disastrous three-over 75 on Friday put her in danger of missing the cut.

Jenny will start Saturday's round seven strokes off Cristie Kerr, who exploded with a 5-under-par 67 and stormed ahead by four shots over Heather Daly-Donofrio and Seol-An Jeon with a 136 aggregate.

Donofrio carded a 68 while Jeon assembled a 70.

Rosales, who endorses PLDT Global and American Eye Center in the LPGA, decided to end her long relationship with caddie Sam Hanshow before the tournament.

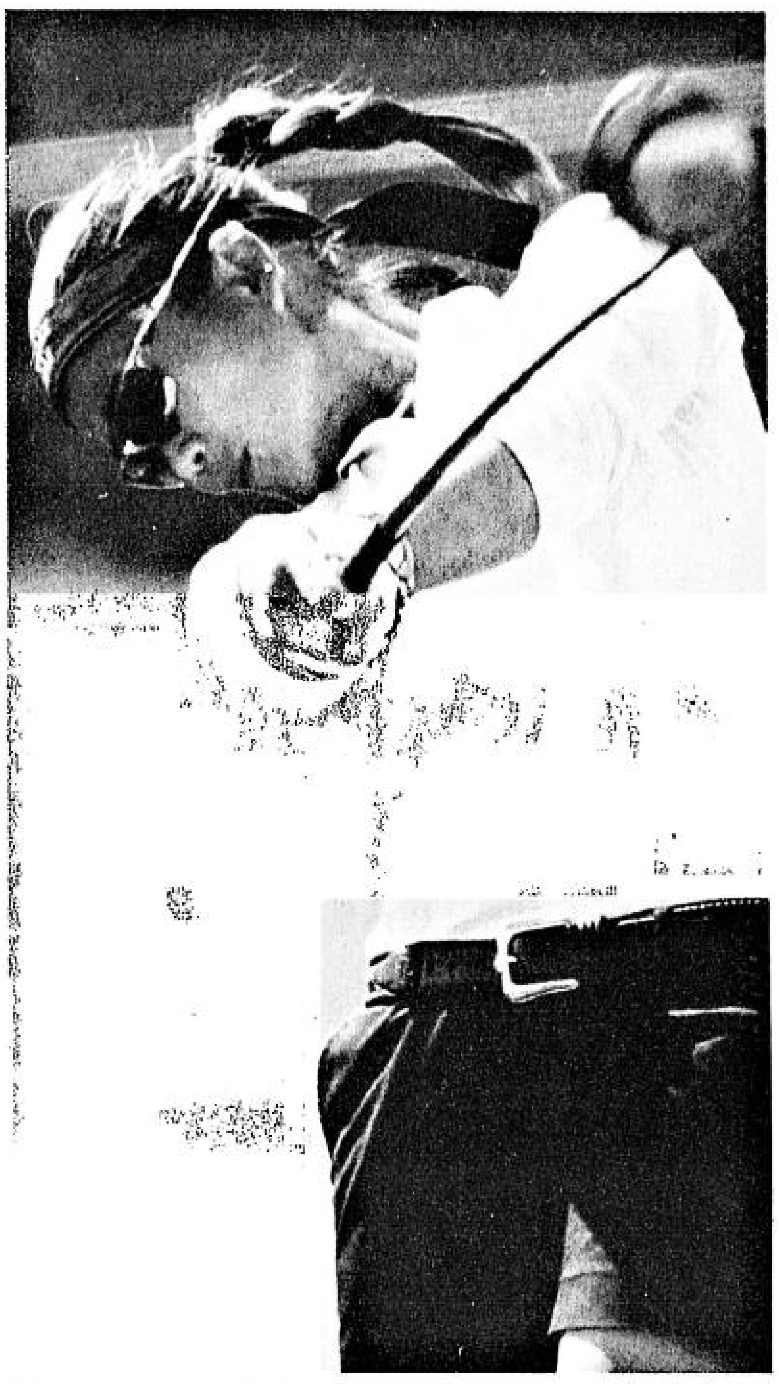
Lopez told the INQUIRER in a text message that Hanshow had lost Jenny's confidence especially in reading the greens.

"They've had serious disagreements on the putting green in the previous legs and Jenny just decided to let go of Sam. It's a bit sad because they've been together for quite a while but it's really Jenny's prerogative and what we may call as a career move," Lopez said.

Ironically, Rosales is now negotiating with a former caddie of Kerr and if they strike a deal, they would be working together in Atlanta next week.

Lopez has been carrying the bag for Jenny since the pro-am and he's making the big sacrifice before returning to Manila and letting her ward do it on her own for the next two months or so.

"The job's really sapping my energy but I just feel happy that she's feeling okay now," Lopez said.



ROSALES playing well without her old caddie REUTERS

KERR drives off the 16th tee during the second round. REUTERS

Kerr pads lead after a 67

LAS VEGAS, Nevada—Cristie Kerr took advantage of benign conditions Friday and fired a flawless five-under-par 67 that opened a four-stroke cushion midway through the LPGA Takefuji Classic.

One of four players who shared the first-round lead, Kerr got in her round before the wind kicked up at the Las Vegas Country Club and was able to distance herself from the field at eight-under 136.

"Everybody has got to play their own rounds," she said. "I can't tell you what's going through their heads. I'm just glad to be done. If the wind does pick up, it's going to play harder, and it played hard as it was today." Heather Daly-Donofrio, Stacy Prammanasudh and South Korea's Seol An Jeon are tied for second at 140. Of the trio, Daly-Donofrio—a former Oxford student and Yale golf coach—had the best round at four-under 68.

"I got the putter going today," Daly-Donofrio said. "I switched to a new putter this week, a heavier putter, which has helped, and I went back to my old putting style." The change paid off as the 34-year-old Connecticut native offset three bogeys with seven birdies, including a 25-footer and a pair of 15-footers.

Kerr did less scrambling, although she got her round started by chipping within a foot to set up a birdie at the 530-yard 10th hole. Her other four birdies were sprinkled on the front side.

While she remains winless since claiming her lone LPGA Tour title in 2002, Kerr was runner-up last month at the Safeway International and tied for fifth at the Nabisco Championship, the first major of the season.

"I was the No. 1 amateur, No. 1 junior at the same time coming out of high school, turned pro, and I put a lot of pressure on myself, a lot of external forces," she said. "It was like either you win or you are horrible. I have come a long way since then." *AFP*

Upsets mark Eagle Ridge semifinals

UPSETS punctuated the semifinals of the inaugural Eagle Ridge club championships recently with only two of the six division top seeds finding their way to this weekend's exciting title playoffs at the Faldo course in Gen. Trias, Cavite.

Class A No. 1 seed Choi Jae-hoon and Class C top bet Benito Cheng survived the rash of longshot wins by cruising past their respective Final Four opponents and barged into the finals of the tourney featuring the best players of the country's largest golf club, which has four championship courses.

Choi disposed of Manfred Guangko via a 7 & 6 blowout to arrange an all-Korean duel with Oh Kwang-taek. Oh got a free ride into the title match when his semifinal opponent and compatriot Lee Tonghwa failed to make it to their scheduled match.

Cheng pulled off an easy 5 & 3 win over No. 4 Mariano Mallari and will dispute the crown with the underdog Deogracias Tad-y, who got a 5 & 3 result against Lowell Linsey.

All the finals matches this weekend will be for 36 holes, putting all the finalists through a test of skill, endurance and consistency.

Arnaldo Bautista and Vicente Onella, both ranked only fifth in Class B and the seniors category, respectively, claimed the biggest upsets when they booted out the No. 1 ranked players in their divisions.

Bautista escaped with a thrilling 1-up victory over Choon Sik-yoo to forge a title duel with Raphael Juan, the sixth-seed who booted out No. 2 Pio Renato Villacorta via a 3 and 1 decision.

Jr qualifier stakes tickets to San Diego

THE COUNTRY'S representatives to the world's biggest jungolf tournament in San Diego, California three months from now will be known next week when the Samsung-DHL Jungolf Tour resumes with its third leg at the Sherwood Hills Golf Club course in Trece Martirez, Cavite.

The cream of the present crop of local jungolfers will dispute slots to the Callaway Junior World championships considered as the Olympics of junior golf this coming July in a 54-hole tourney featuring competitions in six age-group categories. Callaway, through its local distributor Electrobus Consolidated Inc. and Golf Pro International, makers of accessories being exported to various parts of the world, are providing the leg prizes for the top three finishers.

The main prizes, however, are the free trips to the United States for the division champions expected to be provided by traditional jungolf sponsor and official carrier Philippine Airlines.

ICTSI, Gonads and Unilever are also supporting the circuit.

Jayvie Agojo, fresh from a stint with the national team in the Queen Sirikit Cup in China where she helped achieve a modest sixth place finish for the Philippines, will be leading the entries expected to reach close to 200.

The multititled Dottie Ardina and the streaking Cyna Rodriguez will also be eyeing their third straight wins in Class D and Class C, respectively, after topping their division in the first two legs at Canlubang and Camp John Hay the past three weeks.

Miguel Tabuena and Bino dela Paz are out to dispute the Class D title while JR Gonzales and AR Ramos will be vying for the Class E diadem.

The boys' Class A title is expected to be closely contested with Nonoy Negrido, Tonton Asistio and Gino Bunyi heading the list of contenders. Challenging Agojo for the girls' Class A plum are Remijin Camping, Geleen Handog, Matet Salivio and Linnel de Villa.

Jungolf chair Amalia Montecillo, who founded the movement in 1976, said that the strong performance of the country the past two years in the Junior World indicates a good turnover of talents reminiscent of the days when the Filipinos lorded it over the world jungolf ranks.

"Dottie (Ardina) won two years ago and we had such a good showing last year that I believe we're ready to win again this year," said Montecillo.

Monday is set the as the official practice round with the competition kicking off Tuesday.

13th Nokia Intervillage golf Monday

THE NOKIA Intervillage golf tournament series will open its thirteenth season Monday (April 19) with the staging of the first tournament at the Riviera country club in Silang, Cavite.

Ten teams representing villages in Parañaque, Las Piñas and Muntinlupa will compete in the 18-hole tournament indicating a field of more than a hundred golfers in the event launched by Videocom in 1991 to promote fellowship among village golfers.

"I welcome once again my golfing friends to the Nokia Intervillage golf series. We have endeavored to make the Intervillage not just a contest of golfing skills but also an occasion to renew friendship, generate goodwill and comradeship among the villagers. I would like to thank Nokia and our sponsors for their continued support," said Videocom chief Vince Villafuerte.

Other backers of the popular event are Alaxan, BJ Marthel International, 357 Boracay, Philippine Charity Sweepstakes office (PCSO) and Pisanti golf wear.

Villages competing in the south sector tournament are UBF Homes led by team captain Bart Puzon, Alabang 400 (Mert Besa), Alabang Hills (Joe Justo), Better Living (Joel Althea Jr.), Marcelo Green (Luis Nuñez, Merville Park (Tata Caranceja, Raffy Ilagan (Tahanan Village), Dave Pabalan (Pilar Village), South Bay Gardens (Ely Garcia), BF Resort (Gaudencio Cantos Jr.).

Parañaque Mayor Joey Marquez, a member of the Tahanan golf team is expected to lead a cast of village golfers and celebrities in the tournament as the participating teams try to get a head start in the race for three spots allocated for the south sector in the Nokia grand Intervillage championship slated November.

From the Riviera, the Intervillage moves to the Orchard on April 26 for the North sector tournament featuring villages in Quezon City,

WOODS helps Damon Eames, 8, with his swing during a golf clinic at Fort Bragg Friday. AP

Tiger ends military training, then holds clinic for children

FORT BRAGG, North Carolina—For years, Tiger Woods heard his Green Beret father talk about life in the military and felt the stir of curiosity.

After spending four days at this sprawling Army post, the golf great now knows some of what Earl Woods experienced as a soldier 40 years ago.

Woods trained with various Army units, fired weapons, awoke early for 6-kilometer (4-mile) runs and twice jumped from a plane.

By Friday, he was back on familiar ground, hosting a junior golf clinic and providing one-on-one instruction for eight young golfers. He seemed completely at ease, smiling often as he tutored the youngsters and talked about his crash course in the military.

"My father shared a lot of his military experiences with me as I was growing up," Woods said. "For me it was neat to look back on history. It's not that I didn't understand what my dad did, but to physically see what he did just shed a whole new light on it."

That his training was a watered-down version of what his father went through during two tours of duty at Fort Bragg in the Vietnam era hardly mattered to Woods. He said the experience alone reinforced many of the lessons his father taught him.

Earl Woods first trained at Fort Bragg in 1963 following a tour in Vietnam.

On Monday, after finishing 22nd at the Masters, Tiger Woods flew by private jet to Pope Air Force Base, which is next to Fort Bragg. Woods was issued a uniform, received briefings on the installation and attended several social functions on the post, Bragg spokesman Lt. Col. Bill Buckner said. *AP*

Secretary Domingo Cup set at Wack Wack

THE SECRETARY Delia Domingo Albert Invitational Golf Cup 2004, a fund-raising event hosted by the Department of Foreign Affairs and the DFA Golfers Association, will be played Thursday, April 29.

DFA Secretary Albert bared this yesterday after meeting with the organizing committee headed by its overall chair DFA Undersecretary Rafael Seguis.

Philippine Ambassador to Laos Antonio L. Cabangon Chua and DFA Asec Jaime Yambao are the organizing committee's co-chair.

DFA Golfers Association members and members of the Diplomatic and Consular Corps are expected to lead the field in the tournament set at the Wack Wack Golf and Country Club's West course.

"We are inviting all golfers, especially the department's friends and supporters, to join because it is for a good cause," Albert said. "And we are also calling on generous companies and corporations to support it."

She said that funds to be raised would be for the benefit of the DFA and DFA Golfers Association's scholarship program for children of low-salaried employees as well as out-of-school and abused children.

"Not only that. The funds will also support our program for the improvement of equipment and facilities at the department," she added.

Seguis said golfers interested in joining have up to Friday, April 23 to register. "Play is for free, but should they find that this is a worthy project, we welcome their voluntary donations," he said.

DFA executive director Isaias Begonia, Rogelio Manalo of the Federation of Golf Clubs, lawyer Reynaldo Catapang and Wack Wack general manager Salvador Malbarosa are chair of the ways and means committee.

Benjamin Ramos is secretariat committee chair with DFA's Marc Borja and Manny Austria as co-chair while Sylvia Marasigan of the DFA is finance committee chair.

Butch Brodett of Wack Wack is tournament chair and Zacarias "Taby" Tabaniag is chair of the rules committee. Lawyer Norberto Basilio is the legal adviser.

Welcoat sustains hot streak in PBL

By Trina Ibarle

WELCOAT Paints survived a last-minute scare from Sunkist-UST before salvaging an 83-76 victory to remain unbeaten in the 2004 PBL Unity Cup eliminations at the Pasig Sports Center.

Alex Compton's triple with 15 seconds left boosted the Tigers within three at 76-79, before Dino Aldeguer and Jojo Tangkay took over to secure Welcoat's fourth straight win.

Tangkay scored 24 points, while Ariel Capus made four of five triples to finish with 18 as the Paintmasters inflicted a second straight loss on the Tigers, who now have a 3-2 record.

Defending champion Hapee Toothpaste, with Cebuano rookie Reed Juntilla firing 19 points, drove BluStar deeper in the cellar with an 83-74 triumph.

Juntilla, former University of the Visayas star, shot nine points in the last quarter as Hapee moved into a tie for second with idle Viva Mineral Water-FEU at 3-1.

The loss was the fourth straight for BluStar. The Paintmasters opened a 15-point lead at 71-56 midway in the final quarter before Jemal Vizcarra and Compton sparked a Sunkist rally down the stretch.

Games Tuesday
(*Pasig Sports Center*)
2 p.m.—Montaña vs BluStar
4 p.m.—Viva vs Lee Pipes

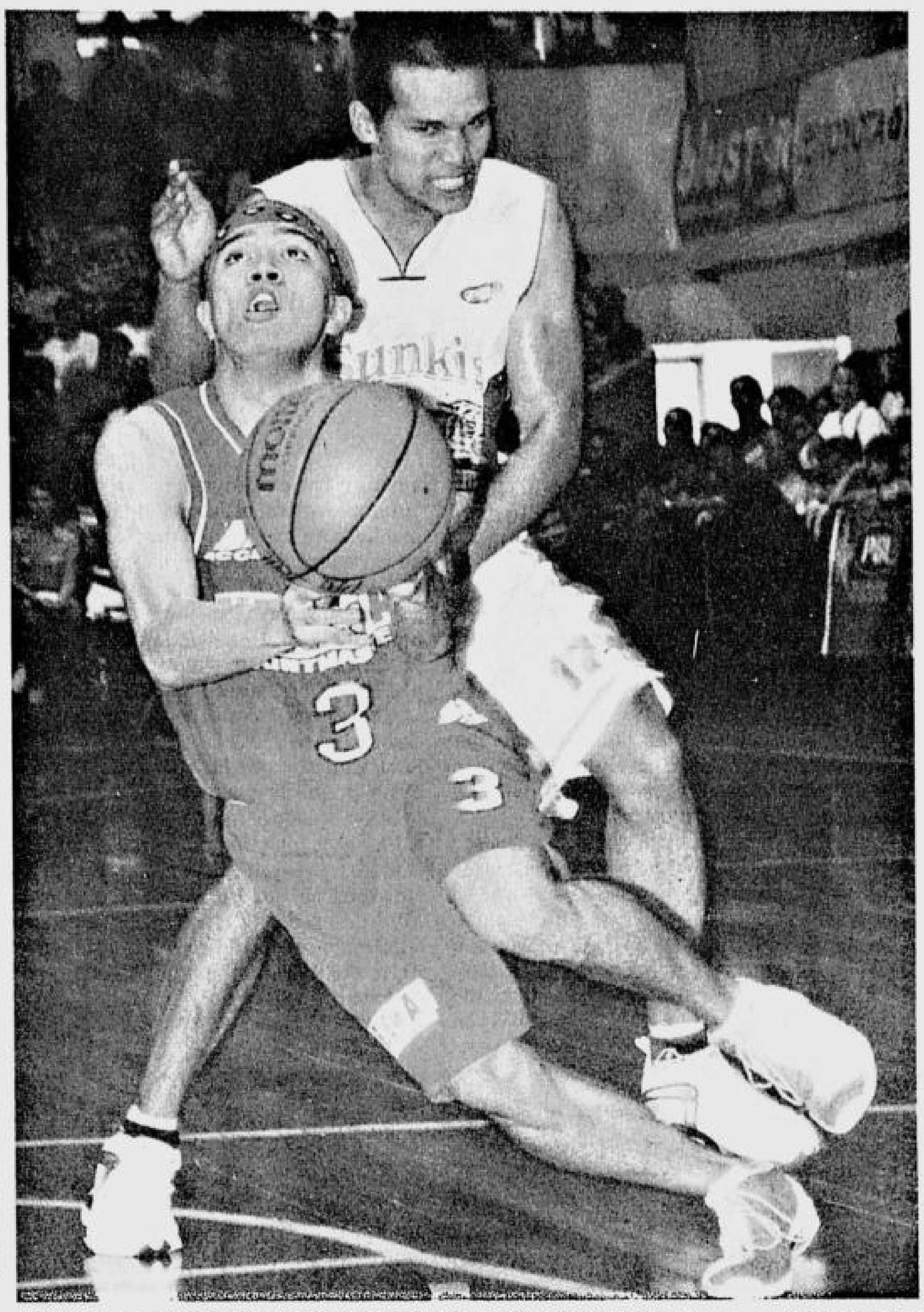
WELCOAT 83—Tangkay 24, Capus 18, Tolomia 14, Ortiguerra 12, Gatumbato 6, Uy 5, Reyes 2, Aldeguer 2, Guevara 0, Mamaclay 2.

SUNKIST-UST 76—Luanzon 15, Latoreno 15, Compton 11, Vizcarra 10, Capati 9, Santos 6, Patrimonio 5, Coronel 5, Paterno 0, Magsumbol 0.

HAPEE 83—Juntilla 19, Oreta 13, Macapagal 12, Mercado 9, Moore 9, Dy 6, Dualan 6, Napa 5, Mendoza 3, Tan 1, Omiping 0.

BLUSTAR 74—Alfad 12, Dela.Cuesta 12, Villamin 11, Mesina 8, Almeda 8, Santos 6, Pascual 5, Victoria 4, Tagupa 3, Gamboa 2, David 2, Menor 1, Aquino 0, Ferrer 0, Canaleta 0.

Quarters: 17-22, 35-all, 53-all, 83-74.



LOU Gatumbato of Welcoat eludes Mel Latoreno of Sunkist for a layup. AUGUST DELA CRUZ

Taal Oil rules NBDL caging

TAAL Cooking Oil made a smashing debut in local basketball by nosing out Wangs Ball Club, 85-84, to win the NBDL (National Basketball Development League) crown Friday night at the UM gym.

Melvin Taguines uncorked a jumper from the perimeter in the last eight seconds to give the cooking Oil Experts owned by shooting champion Nathaniel "Tac" Padilla and supported by San Pablo City Mayor Florante "Boy" Aquino the title in their first tournament.

It was Ernani Epondulan and Robin Mendoza, though, who sparked Taal's comeback from a 41-49 halftime deficit, finishing with 21 and 14 points, respectively.

"The boys worked hard and they deserved to win," said Padilla after Taal playing coach Mike Buendia received the trophy from physical education director and veteran coach Ted Magno, the tournament organizer.

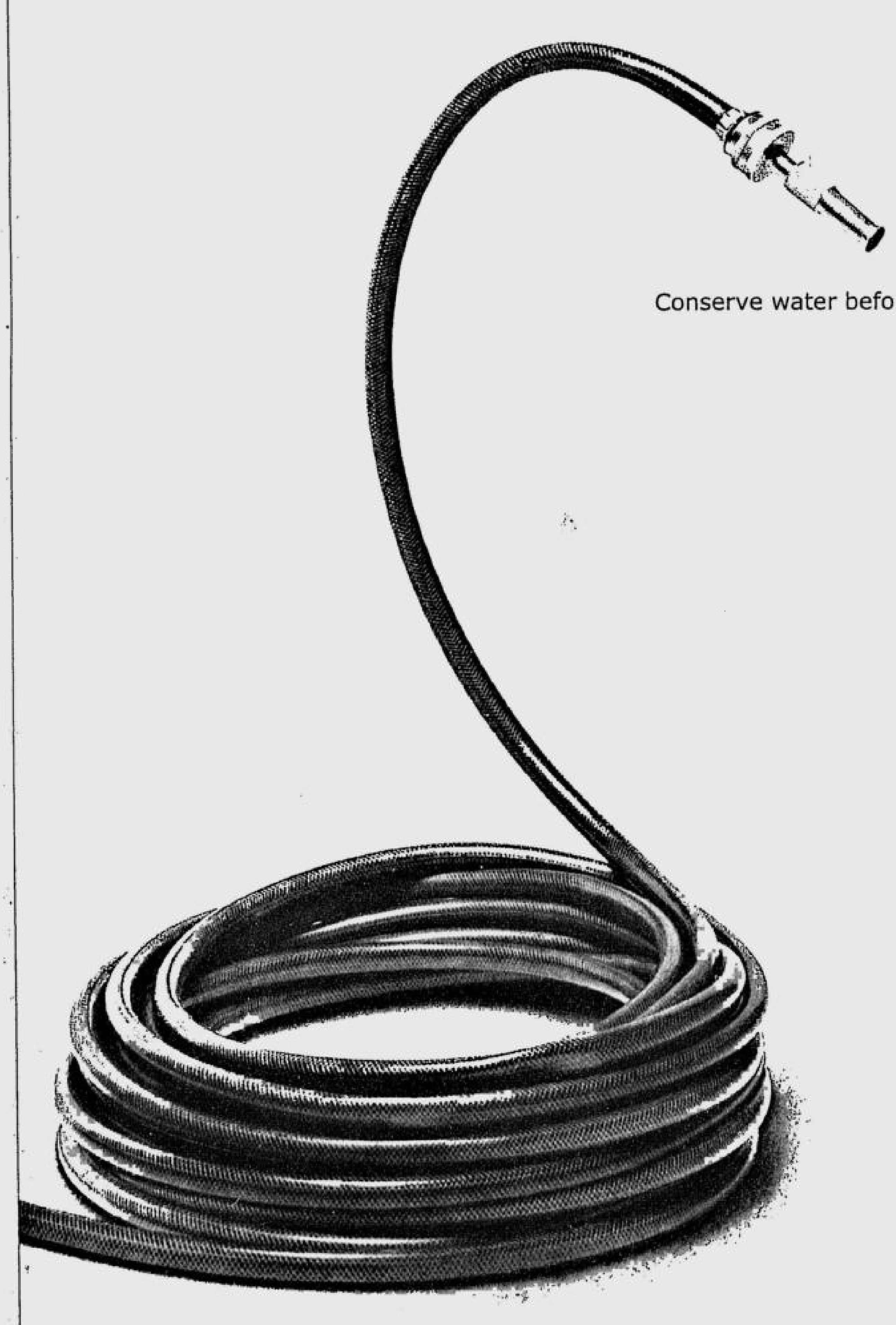
Navy won by forfeiture over Air Force in the other game to clinch third spot.

The Scores:

TAAL 85—Epondulan 21, Mendoza 14, Taguines 13, Reyes 11, Yee 7, Manuel 6, Kalaw 6, Serrano 5, Ferma 2

WANGS 84—Aquino 20, De Jesus 13, Rodriguez 9, Tanigue 9, Matias 9, Regalado 7, Garcia 5, Tierra 5, Vedanes 3, Tolentino 2, Claveria 2

Halftime: 41-49



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NBA PLAYOFFS

Knicks battle Nets in cross-river duel

EAST RUTHERFORD, New Jersey—The "Lincoln Tunnel Series" gets underway on Saturday as the New York Knicks take on cross-river rivals, the New Jersey Nets, for just the third time in the National Basketball Association playoffs.

The Knicks make their home in venerable Madison Square Garden in glittering Manhattan, where movie director Spike Lee is among the team's galaxy of star fans.

The Nets may play just across the Hudson River, but their faceless Continental Arena in the Meadowlands sports complex is a world away.

The Knicks have won two NBA championships, in 1970 and 1973. The Nets won two titles with the now-defunct American Basketball Association, but that didn't earn them the kind of adulation the Knicks enjoy—even among New Jersey dwellers.

But the arrival of Jason Kidd in New Jersey in July 2001 has turned the Nets into a true power house in the Eastern Conference these past three seasons.

Under his leadership, the Nets clinched their third consecutive Atlantic Division crown this year, piling up a 47-win and 35-loss record while New York finished the season 39-43.

"I think our record speaks for itself. We've accomplished a lot in those three years," said Kidd, who captured his fifth overall assist title this year, finishing with a 9.2 average.

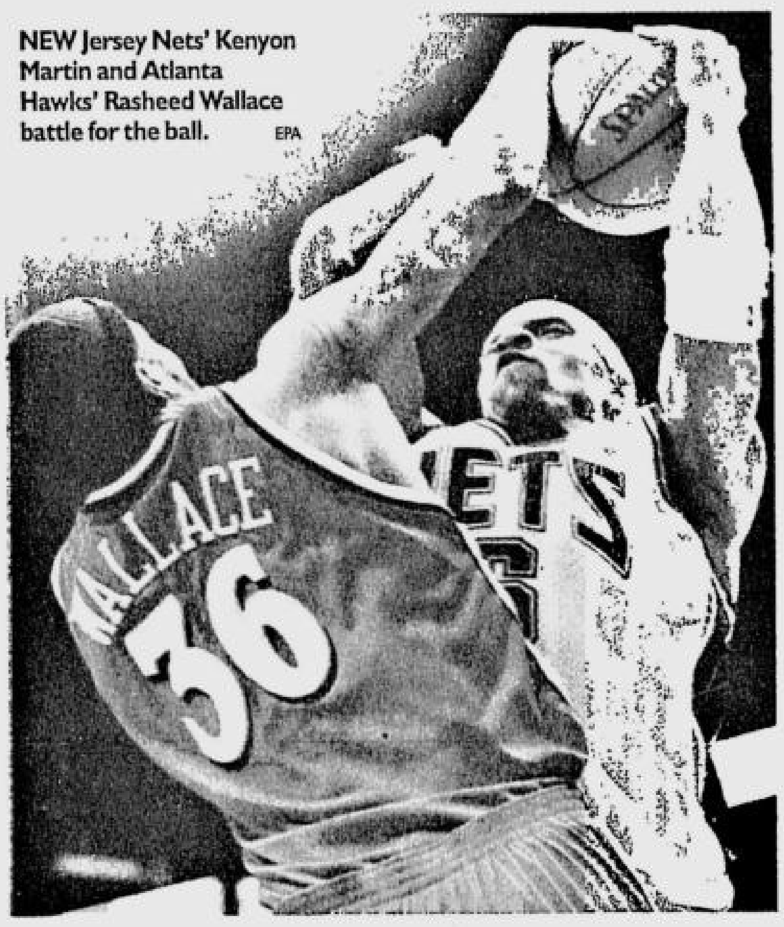
"We would love to get back into the NBA Finals. We've done that two years in a row. The clock is always ticking and we understand how tough it is to get back there." The Nets won 12 of the last 14 games against the Knicks and captured three of the four regular series contests this season with the Knicks' lone victory coming on March 20.

The Knicks and Nets have faced each other only twice before in the playoffs. Their last postseason meeting came in 1994, when New York beat New Jersey 3-1 in a best-of-five first round series.

"How can we call this a rivalry?" said Nets shooting guard Richard Jefferson. "Rivalries aren't built overnight. It's something you build over the years. We need to play more against each other in big games to call it a rivalry." But there's no doubt the Nets hunger for respect in their Knicks-crazed region, and a head-to-head match-up could be one way to get it.

"It's great for the area. You can feel the excitement in the air. That's what the game is all about, and that's what the fans come out and see," Kidd said.

"But we are trying not to get caught up in all of this. Our big concern is to try to win the series." Added Jefferson: "I like the hype. Hype is fun. But it's more for you guys (the media) and the fans than us. We are not trying to make a big deal about it." *AFP*



NEW Jersey Nets' Kenyon Martin and Atlanta Hawks' Rasheed Wallace battle for the ball. EPA

Suns to be sold for $401 million

PHOENIX—Real estate and banking executive Robert Sarver is heading an ownership group that plans to buy the Phoenix Suns for $401 million.

The amount is a record for an NBA franchise, the Suns said.

Sarver, who lives in San Diego but is a Tucson native, is chairman and chief executive of Western Alliance Bancorporation. He is also the founder of Southwest Value Partners, a major San Diego real estate investment company.

Jerry Colangelo will remain as the Suns' chairman and chief executive.

Two members of the new ownership group are former University of Arizona star and NBA player Steve Kerr and Bryan Colangelo, Jerry Colangelo's son and the team's president and general manager.

Additional investors will be named later, the Suns said.

Sarver, 42, will be the major investor and managing partner of the new group that will purchase the Suns over the next three years.

A 1982 graduate of the University of Arizona, Sarver founded National Bank of Arizona at age 23 in 1984 and served as its president until its sale to Zions Bancorporation.

Colangelo has talked for some time about easing out of the sports empire he built in the desert.

In January, he hired Lehman Brothers to put together a plan to sell the team. He hoped to find a minority owner that would have the right to buy full ownership in several years. *AP*

UConn center joining draft as prime pick

NEW YORK—Emeka Okafor will enter this year's NBA draft, the University of Connecticut center said on Friday.

Okafor, who led the Huskies to the NCAA national championship earlier this month, will forego the final year of college eligibility and could go as high as number one in June's draft.

"All good things come to an end," Okafor told a news conference.

"I've had a great three years here. I got my degree and we won the championship. It's time to move on." He said he had been thinking of declaring for the draft before Connecticut won the national title. He also insisted previous back injuries had been cleared up.

Okafor was named college basketball Final Four's outstanding player after dominant performances against Duke and Georgia Tech.

In the final against Georgia Tech, he scored 24 points and 15 rebounds.

Huskies coach Jim Calhoun said: "Be sure to take a picture, you won't see his like at the University of Connecticut again." *Reuters*

2004 NBA PLAYOFFS SCHEDULE (MANILA TIME)

MINNESOTA (1) vs DENVER (8)
Gm 1: April 18 at MIN (9:30 a.m.)
Gm 2: April 22 at MIN (9:30 a.m.)
Gm 3: April 25 at DEN (9:30 a.m.)
Gm 4: April 28 at DEN (10:30 a.m.)
***Gm 5:** May 1 at MIN (TBD)
***Gm 6:** May 3 at DEN (TBD)
***Gm 7:** May 5 at MIN (TBD)

LA LAKERS (2) vs HOUSTON (7)
Gm 1: April 18 at LAL (10:30 a.m.)
Gm 2: April 20 at LAL (10:30 a.m.)
Gm 3: April 24 at HOU (9:30 a.m.)
Gm 4: April 26 at HOU (3:30 a.m.)
***Gm 5:** April 29 at LAL (TBD)
***Gm 6:** May 2 at HOU (TBD)
***Gm 7:** May 4 at LAL (TBD)

SAN ANTONIO (3) vs MEMPHIS (6)
Gm 1: April 18 at SAS (8 a.m.)
Gm 2: April 20 at SAS (8 a.m.)
Gm 3: April 23 at MEM (9:30 a.m.)
Gm 4: April 26 at MEM (9:30 a.m.)
***Gm 5:** April 29 at SAS (TBD)
***Gm 6:** May 2 at MEM (TBD)
***Gm 7:** May 4 at SAS (TBD)

SACRAMENTO (4) vs DALLAS (5)
Gm 1: April 19 at SAC (3:30 a.m.)
Gm 2: April 21 at SAC (10:30 a.m.)
Gm 3: April 25 at DAL (7 a.m.)
Gm 4: April 27 at DAL (9:30 a.m.)
***Gm 5:** April 30 at SAC (TBD)
***Gm 6:** May 3 at DAL (TBD)
***Gm 7:** May 5 at SAC (TBD)

INDIANA (1) vs BOSTON (8)
Gm 1: April 18 at IND (2 a.m.)
Gm 2: April 21 at IND (8:30 a.m.)
Gm 3: April 24 at BOS (7 a.m.)
Gm 4: April 26 at BOS (1 a.m.)
***Gm 5:** April 30 at IND (TBD)
***Gm 6:** May 3 at BOS (TBD)
***Gm 7:** May 5 at IND (TBD)

NEW JERSEY (2) vs NEW YORK (7)
Gm 1: April 18 at NJN (4:30 a.m.)
Gm 2: April 21 at NJN (8 a.m.)
Gm 3: April 23 at NYK (7 a.m.)
Gm 4: April 26 at NYK (7 a.m.)
***Gm 5:** April 29 at NJN (TBD)
***Gm 6:** May 2 at NYK (TBD)
***Gm 7:** May 4 at NJN (TBD)

DETROIT (3) vs MILWAUKEE (6)
Gm 1: April 19 at DET (1 a.m.)
Gm 2: April 22 at DET (7 a.m.)
Gm 3: April 25 at MIL (3:30 a.m.)
Gm 4: April 27 at MIL (7 a.m.)
***Gm 5:** April 30 at DET (TBD)
***Gm 6:** May 2 at MIL (TBD)
***Gm 7:** May 4 at DET (TBD)

MIAMI (4) vs NEW ORLEANS (5)
Gm 1: April 19 at MIA (7 a.m.)
Gm 2: April 22 at MIA (8 a.m.)
Gm 3: April 25 at NOH (1 a.m.)
Gm 4: April 28 at NOH (8 a.m.)
***Gm 5:** May 1 at MIA (TBD)
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Centeno, pal prevail over Cruz-Arroyo

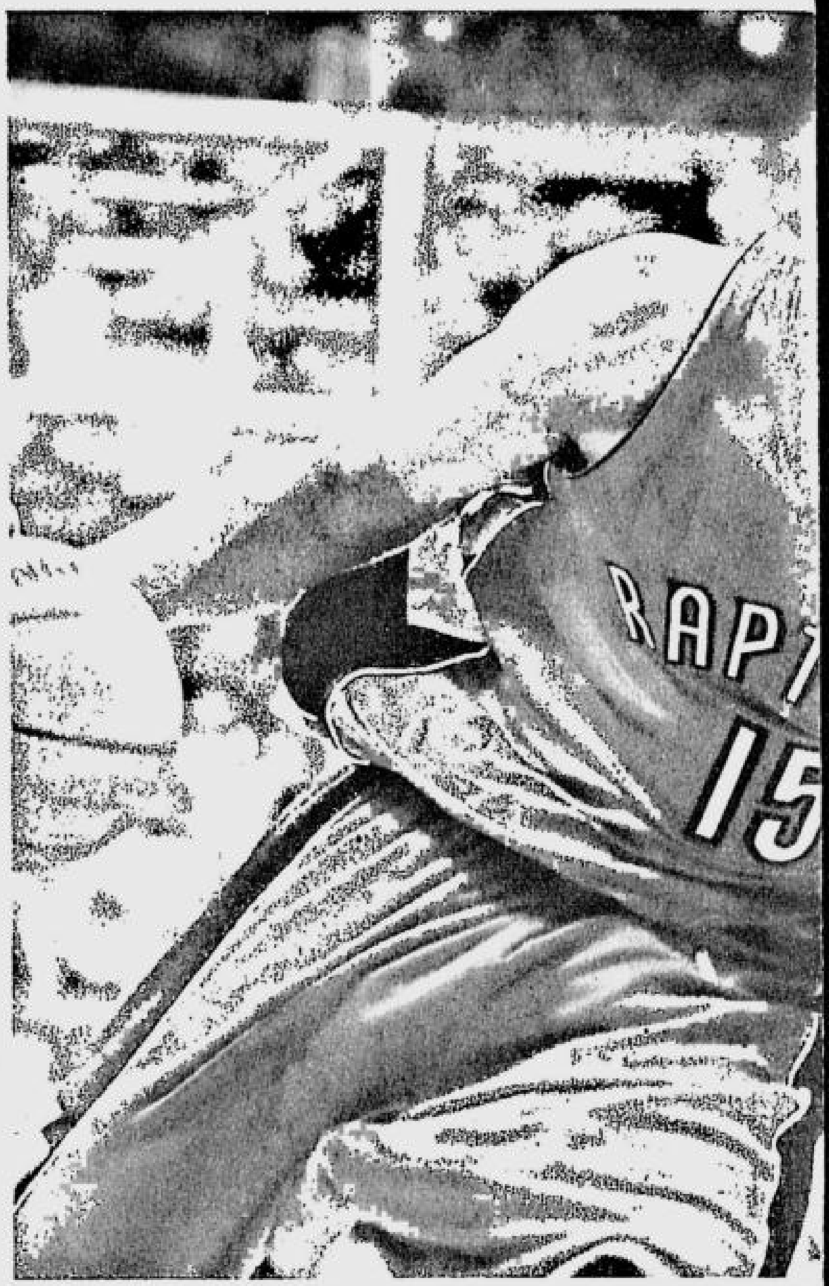
PATRICK Centeno and Kiara Castelo pulled off an emphatic straight-set victory over Kevin Cruz and Ella Arroyo to lead the winners in the first round of the mixed doubles event of the JVC Open Badminton 14-under Championships at the SM Megamall Friday.

Centeno and Castelo breezed through the first set then completely dominated Cruz and Arroyo in the next en route to posting a 15-6, 15-1 rout to advance to the next round of this championship exclusively for players 14 years old and below.

Joining the pair in the next stage, set April 24-25 in Pampanga, were Gerard Certeza and Janina Perez, who came away with a similar straight-set 15-7, 15-3 victory over Christopher Pilones and Danica Bolos as did the three other pairs in the event sponsored by electronics giant JVC and organized by the International Management Group (IMG).

Paul Vivas and Jackilyn Cudia thwarted Roden Rivera and Lourdes Gaspar in a thrilling 15-9, 15-10 win, while the Randolf Balatbat-Chona Medina and Peter Magnaye-Karyn Velez pairs beat Edgar de Jesus and Jaevena Susbilla, 15-0, 15-4; and Don Agustin and Jamila Cruz, 15-3, 15-5, respectively.

Paulo Andres and Pauline Andres and Jed Perez and Daisy Rivera scored walkover wins.



TORONTO Raptors' Vince Carter (15) drives around Detroit Pistons' Ric

Raptors sack

TORONTO—The Toronto Raptors sacked coach Kevin O'Neill and most of his staff on Friday, one day after he ripped the National Basketball Association team's ownership group.

During the team's wrap-up meeting Thursday, O'Neill, who posted a 33-49 record in his only season as Raptors coach, questioned the team's commitment to winning.

"There needs to be drastic measures taken to move in the direction of focusing this team on winning basketball games," O'Neill said of Maple Leaf Sports and Entertainment, the group that owns the Raptors and the National Hockey League's Toronto Maple Leafs.

The Raptors responded by dismissing O'Neill and his staff of Tony Brown, Bob Beyer, Jim Sann and

Alou, Sosa belt homers, power Cubs past Reds

NEW YORK—Moises Alou and Sammy Sosa both homered in the bottom of the ninth inning to lead the Chicago Cubs to a wild 11-10 home win over the Cincinnati Reds in National League play on Friday.

The teams combined for eight home runs in an eventful game that featured both managers being ejected well before the dramatic ending.

Sosa's home run was the 512th of his career, tying Hall of Famer Ernie Banks for the club record.

Just seconds later, Alou's homer ended the game.

Reds closer Danny Graves (0-1) gave up both of the home runs as the Cubs celebrated wildly when Alou crossed the plate to wind up with four hits in the game, including another homer, and three RBIs.

Aramis Ramirez homered for the third straight day for the Cubs and had five RBIs, one off his career high.

Todd Hollandsworth also homered for the Cubs, who had 16 hits.

Reds manager Dave Miley was ejected in the fourth inning for arguing balls and strikes and Chicago manager Dusty Baker got thrown out in the seventh inning for arguing over a line-up card dispute.

Joe Borowski (1-0) pitched a scoreless ninth then picked up the win.

D'Angelo Jimenez, Willy Mo Pena and Ken Griffey Jr. all homered for the Reds. *Reuters*

Wakefield shuts down Yankees

BOSTON—Tim Wakefield shut down the Yankees' third baseman six months too late.

Boston's knuckleballer ruined Alex Rodriguez's visit to the park that nearly was his home, holding him to an infield single and leading the Red Sox to a 6-2 win over New York before a packed house at Fenway on Friday night.

Last October, third baseman Aaron Boone won the American League championship series for New York when he hit Wakefield's first pitch of the 11th inning into the left-field seats for a 6-5 win in Game 7 at Yankee Stadium.

Rodriguez finished 1-for-4 after lining out in the eighth against Scott Williamson and didn't hit the ball out of the infield.

Manny Ramirez, who would have been traded for Rodriguez, AL batting champion Bill Mueller and Doug Mirabelli homered off Javier Vazquez (1-1). Jorge Posada hit his fifth homer for New York. *AP*

ARIZONA Diamondbacks' Shea Hillenbrand gets a foot up to hook San Diego Padres shortstop Khalil Greene breaking up a doubleplay. AP

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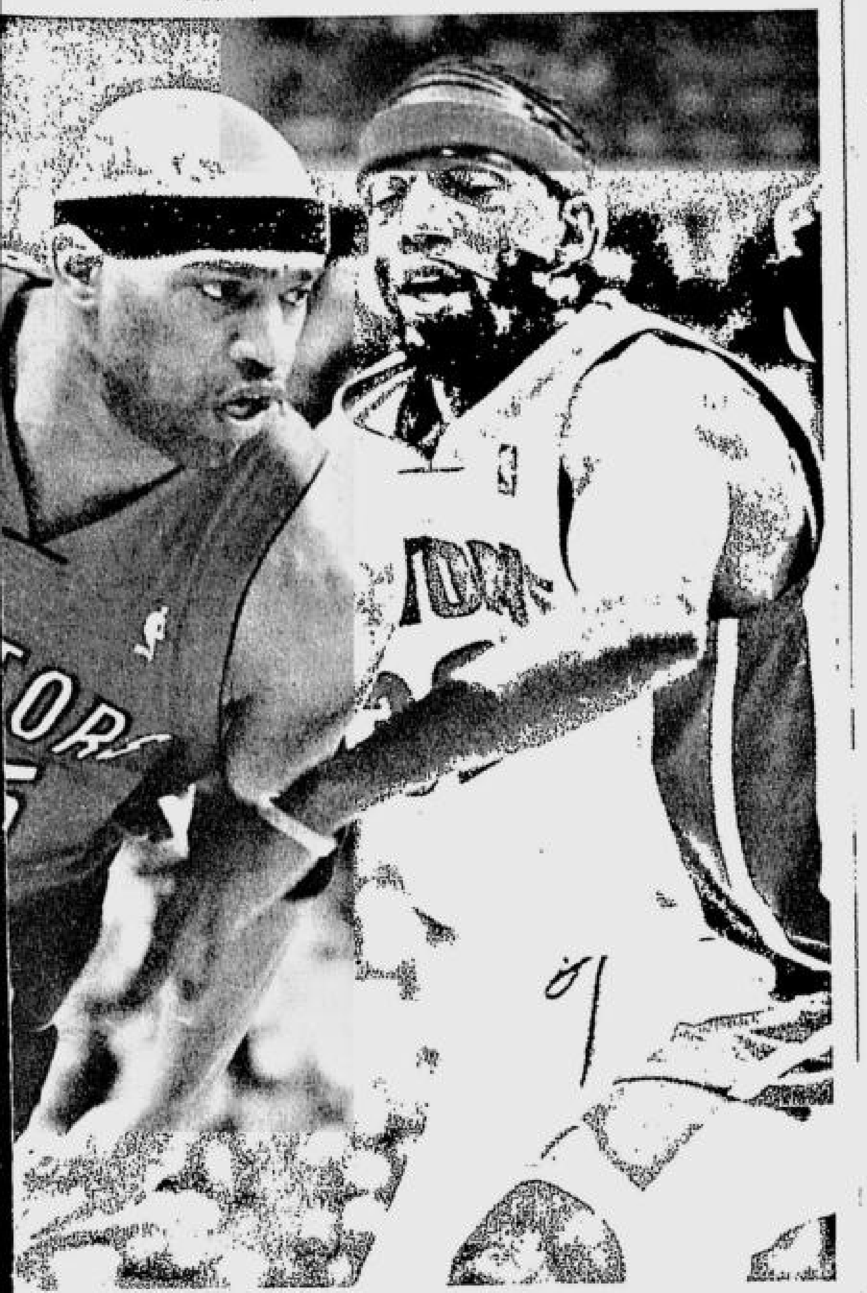


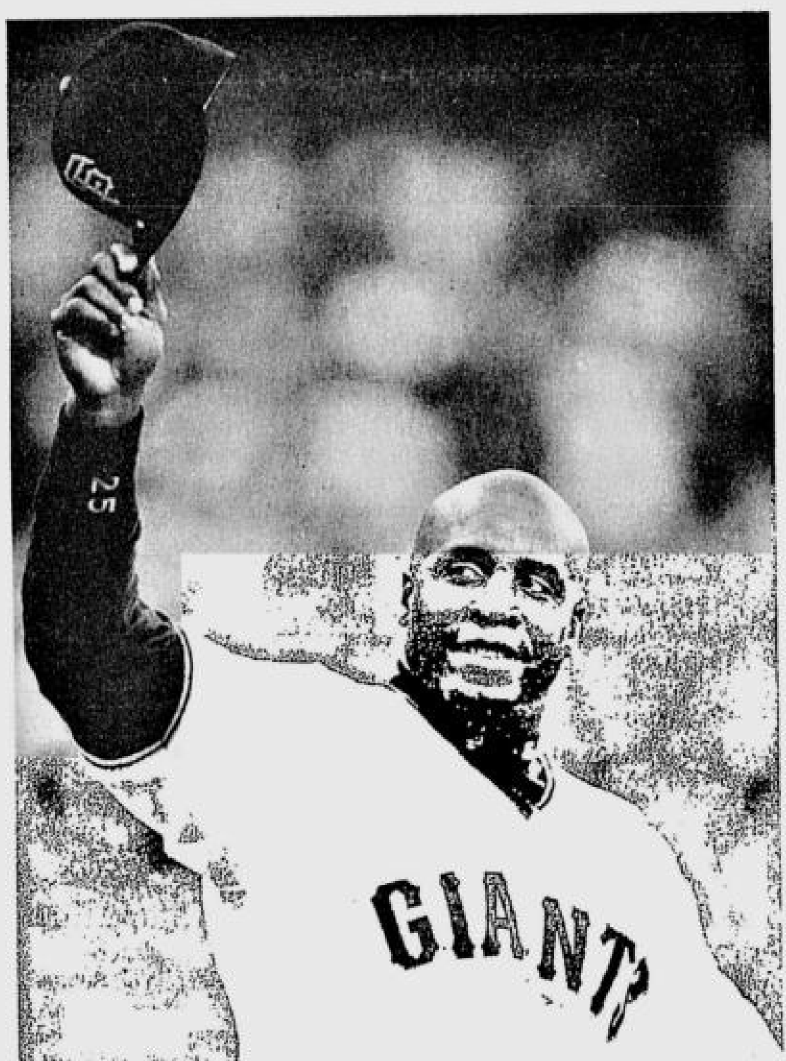
ard Hamilton. Detroit won this one.

coach O'Neill

Ron Oliver. The move came just two weeks after longtime general manager Glen Grunwald was fired. The only assistant retained was Jay Triano.

"This season fell well short of our expectations, and while the blame for that certainly does not rest on Kevin O'Neill and his staff alone, we felt that the team's lack of success on the court, and the fact that we are committed to providing the general manager with every opportunity to succeed, necessitated this change," interim GM Jack McCloskey said.

The Raptors were in playoff contention midway through the season, but were hit hard by injuries, losing starters Vince Carter, Jalen Rose and Alvin Rose for extended periods of time. *AFP*



BONDS tips his cap as he enters the field at a ceremony honoring his 660th career home run.

Bonds, Mays get trophies

SAN FRANCISCO—Barry Bonds got one more chance to celebrate this week's home run feat.

Bonds, who moved past Willie Mays into third place on the career homer list Tuesday, was honored before the San Francisco Giants' game against the Los Angeles Dodgers' on Friday night.

Bonds and his godfather were presented with matching trophies — each featuring a bat used by the sluggers and inscribed with the date both men reached 660 homers.

Bonds tied Mays on Monday and passed his hero the following night, causing a weeklong celebration at SBC Park.

"I told Barry many times that it's not about Barry or myself. It's all about history and the Giants," Mays said. "I've cried many times at home wishing he could do it." *AP*

Bacolod girls blank Makati

TANAUAN CITY—New Bacolod City, bannered by members of last year's world junior softball champions, overwhelmed Makati, 20-0, in five innings in the Senior League softball division of the Little League Philippine series yesterday at the Tanauan baseball field.

Christine Jane Daclines pitched a no-hitter without relief in five innings while her teammates blasted three Makati tossers for 17 hits, including a two-run home run by Fairbee Cabuguasan.

It was the fifth straight win for the Bacolod girls, who secured one of four slots in the semifinals.

In Little League baseball, Bulacan whipped Silay City, 9-1, to virtually gain a semis slot in Group D.

FAMILY CUP

Venus enters semis; Swiss ousts Lindsay

NEW YORK—Venus Williams advanced to her first semifinal of the year with a 6-3, 6-4 victory over Vera Zvonareva at the Family Circle Cup in Charleston, South Carolina, on Friday.

The American is the fourth seed at this event and with the top three players all withdrawing, was a huge fan favorite against the ninth-seeded Russian.

"I've never played in front of a crowd that's really, really been so behind me," Williams said.

The partisan support had a lot to be happy about as did Williams, who won four straight games in the second set to close out the match.

In other quarterfinal action, 11th seed Patty Schnyder caused the biggest upset of the round when the Swiss left-hander defeated fifth-seeded American Lindsay Davenport, 6-3, 6-2.

Schnyder needed just 52 minutes to end Davenport's good run of form that stretched back to the Californian's win at Amelia Island last week.

Davenport lost the first four games of the first set and never seemed to recover.

In the semifinals, Williams plays Croatia's Jelena Kostanic, who defeated Hungary's Petra Mandula, 7-6, 6-2, to stay on course for her first tour victory.

Schnyder meets 16th-seeded Conchita Martinez of Spain in Saturday's other semifinal.

Martinez celebrated her 32nd birthday in style, easing past eighth-seeded Nadia Petrova of Russia, 6-3, 6-1. *Reuters*

WILLIAMS volleys against Russia's Zvonareva. AP

Indian aces reunite

NEW DELHI—Indian tennis stars Leander Paes and Mahesh Bhupathi will reunite in a bid to win a doubles medal at this year's Olympic Games in Athens.

"We want to pair up again and are planning to play some tournaments before the Olympics," Paes said Saturday on his return here after a Davis Cup tie in New Zealand.

Paes and Bhupathi, the former world number one pair, have separated twice in the past and agreed to a similar reunion before the last Olympics at Sydney in 2000.

"We have been playing together in the Davis Cup and it was natural to have another go at the Olympics," said Paes, a former Wimbledon junior champion. *AFP*

Roddick advances

NEW YORK—Number one seed Andy Roddick was forced to dig deep but eventually overcame Jurgen Melzer, 7-5, 7-6, to move into the semifinals of the US Men's Clay Court Championships in Houston on Friday.

The eight-seeded Austrian gave Roddick everything he could handle in the match, constantly fighting off break points to hold his serve while making several spectacular shots to keep the match going.

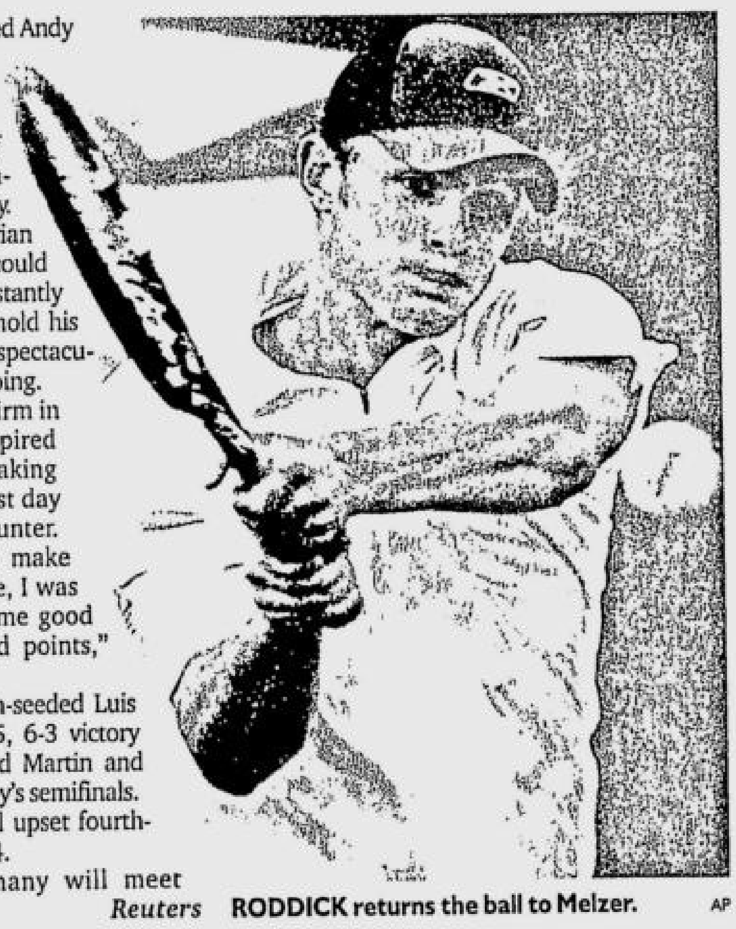
But the American stood firm in the wake of Melzer's inspired play to grind out the win, taking advantage of Thursday's rest day ahead of the last eight encounter.

"I definitely wanted to make him play and luckily for me, I was able to step up and hit some good shots and play some good points," Roddick said.

In other matches, seventh-seeded Luis Horna of Peru scored a 7-5, 6-3 victory over veteran American Todd Martin and will meet Roddick in Saturday's semifinals.

Fifth-seeded Andrei Pavel upset fourth-seeded James Blake, 6-4, 6-4.

Tommy Haas of Germany will meet Pavel. *Reuters*



RODDICK returns the ball to Melzer. AP

MSU makes beach volley men's final 4

BORACAY—Mindanao State University scored a stunning 21-17 victory over top-ranked University of the Philippines yesterday and booked a ticket to the men's semifinals of the Nestea Beach Volley 2004 here.

After losing both matches in Friday's ranking phase, MSU landed ninth in a field of 12, and was hardly given a chance to get past UP, which earlier went undefeated to emerge as the top team.

But the MSU tandem of Gabshar Tahiluddin and Yusop Abdulkarim refused to be cowed and, drawing cheers from the crowd, played as if they were the top-ranked team.

The Hubalde brothers of UP, Jerrico and Jarod, struggled on Boracay's powdery white sand, and never knew what hit them as their opponents rejoiced after the victory.

Up next for MSU in the semis this morning is No. 4 La Salle, which needed an extra push to beat No. 12 University of Mindanao Tagum, 21-18. The other semis matchup pits No. 2 Foundation University over No. 6 University of San Jose Recoletos.

Foundation U disposed of No. 7 Iloilo Doctor's College, 21-11.

Byrd defends heavyweight title vs Golota

NEW YORK—Chris Byrd is being paid much less than a heavyweight boxing champion usually gets, and he's fighting a guy who didn't do much to deserve a title shot. When you're desperate to fight, though, you'll do almost anything.

For Byrd, that means taking a chance on Saturday night and defending his IBF title against Andrew Golota, trying to make a few dollars, and hoping all the while that the "Foul Pole" doesn't do something stupid this time around.

"If he hits me low or bites me, I'll be prepared for it," Byrd said. "I'm prepared mentally if he does something crazy."

That Byrd is forced to fight a disgraced fighter like Golota says something both about the sorry state of the heavyweight division as well as the difficulty that the crafty boxer has in getting anyone to fight him.

He'll earn only $625,000—chump change in a division that routinely pays its champions $10 million or more—and faces the further indignity of sharing the card at Madison Square Garden with another title fight of questionable pedigree, WBA heavyweight champion John Ruiz against Fres Oquendo.

Still, Byrd has a piece of the heavyweight title, and he's philosophical about a career that most thought would never get this far.

"I can't complain," Byrd said. "If I make millions of dollars, great. If not, I achieved a goal of being a heavyweight champion."

Byrd (37-2, 20 KOs) hopes to keep that piece of the heavyweight title when he meets Golota (38-4, 31 KOs) in a scheduled 12-round fight that tops the Garden card. Ruiz and Oquendo will further confuse boxing fans by fighting for their title just before that.

Ruiz acknowledged that neither winner will have much to brag about in the fractured heavyweight division.

"People are losing their faith in the heavyweight division. Nobody knows who the champions are anymore," Ruiz said. "At one point, being the heavyweight champion was like being president of the world. It was that big. Now people have lost interest." *AP*

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DOWN AND OUT
Hasim Rahman (right) stands over Mario Cawley in the second round of a bout Friday in Dover, Del. Rahman stopped Cawley in the second round. AP

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Young sparks Alaska Aces past TJ Hotdogs

Games Today (*Araneta Coliseum*)
4:10 p.m.—Red Bull vs. Talk 'N Text
6:30 p.m.—Coca-Cola vs. FedEx

Musong R. Castillo, *Contributor*

ANTIPOLO—Galen Young achieved his second PBA triple double last night to steer Alaska past Purefoods, 88-78, and keep the Aces in second place in the eliminations of the Gran Matador Fiesta Conference.

Young put together 23 points and 20 rebounds, and the last of his 10 assists came in the final 1:29 to Brandon Cablay as the Aces put the game away with a 79-73 lead for their seventh win in 10 games.

The loss was the third straight for the Tender Juicy Hotdogs, who dropped into a tie for last place with the idle Sta. Lucia Realtors at 3-7.

San Miguel bounced back from its only loss so far with a 98-91 decision of sister team Barangay Ginebra that left Kings' coach Siot Tanquingcen still winless.

The Beermen established control early and easily nailed their ninth win in 10 games while dealing their former assistant coach a fifth straight loss and Ginebra's seventh in 10 outings overall.

Young is considered by coach Tim Cone as the best all-around import among the lot despite being the shortest at just a shade above 6-feet-4.

"He makes us look like a different team, because every team, save for Sta. Lucia, has a big import," Cone said. "They (opponents) prepare for teams with big imports and they encounter problems when they play us because we're small."

"He plays the game all the way through, he plays the game hard all the time. I think that's what makes him special for us. That is why we have the record that we have.

Galen is the straw that stirs our drink."

Young, who tossed in 11 of his total in the final period, was not the only one in Cone's special-mention-list as Don Allado and Cablay both shone in offense and Ali Peek was an immovable force inside the paint.

Meanwhile, the cheer dancers of the NBA's New Jersey Nets will perform at halftime of the second game today.

Scores:

First Game

ALASKA 88—Young 23, Allado 21, Cablay 18, Peek 11, Thoss 6, Cortez 5, Duat 4, Wilson 0, Tejada 0, Felhi 0.

PUREFOODS 78—Yap 20, Elisma 19, Raymundo 13, Castillo 8, Artadi 6, Evangelista 6, Yee 4, Demape 2, Simon 0, Johnson 0, Patrimonio 0.

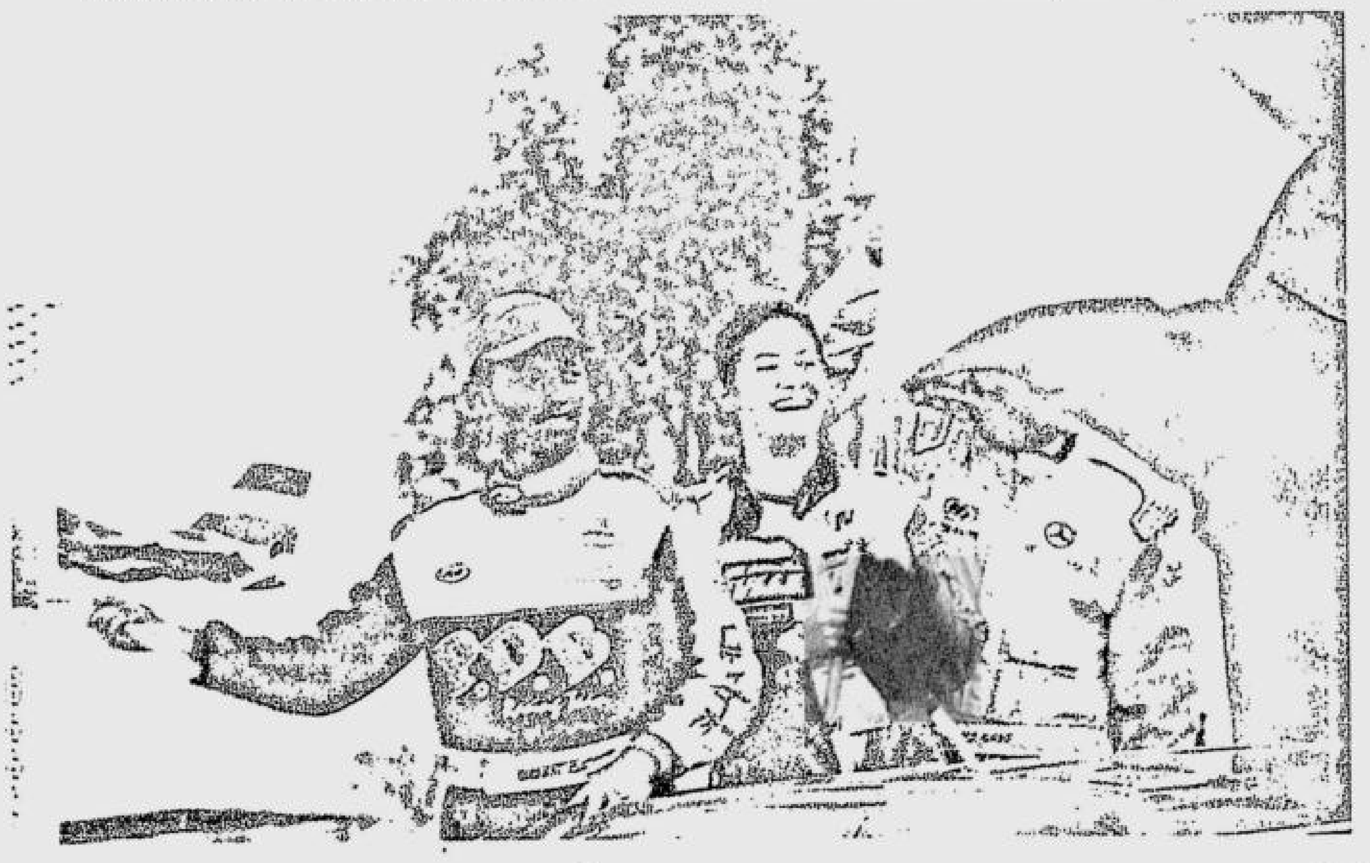
Quarters: 24-21; 38-all; 62-55; 88-78.

Second Game

SMB 98—Long 26, Belasco 20, Hontiveros 12, Seigle 11, Peña 10, Ildefonso 9, Racela 6, Singson 4.

GINEBRA 91—Braggs 22, Caguioa 15, Menk 14, Calpito 11, Adducul 8, Santos 8, Helterbrand 6, David 4, Salvacion 3, Dimaunahan 0, Noble 0.

Quarters: 28-16, 47-34, 76-62, 98-91.



ASIAN KARTING CHAMP
Karter Michelle Bumgarner, 14, bagged the gold for RP in the Open Class of the first leg of the Asian Karting Open Championship held recently in Kota Bahru, Malaysia. Bumgarner, who started 3rd on the grid, grabbed the lead from ace driver Imran Zacharias of Malaysia and held everyone off until the end of the race. Zacharias finished 2nd and Finland's Mikko Nase finished 3rd. Bumgarner is RP's Karter of the Year.

PNPA racing

THE PHILIPPINE Racing Club Inc. (PRCI) hosts a first-of-its kind racing fund-raiser today to benefit the members of the Philippine National Police Academy (PNPA) Alumni Association at the Santa Ana Park.

Dubbed as the PNPA Alumni Racing Festival, the featured racing event aims to raise funds for the benefit of underprivileged graduates of the country's premier police academy and has been made possible through the support of the Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation (Pagcor) and the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO).

"Our fellow PNPA alumni truly appreciate the kind gesture of the PRCI, Pagcor and PCSO in helping us organize and stage this event," noted Police Chief Superintendent Pedro "Pete" Bulaong, president of the PNPA Alumni Association.

Highlight of the racefest is the special races, the Pagcor-sponsored PNPA Alumni Association Cup and the PCSO-backed PNPA Alumni Association Special Race.

Nine imported and locally-bred gallopers are set to dispute the PNPA Alumni Association Cup Race, which carries a guaranteed pot of P200,000 to the winner and P75,000 to the second placer.

Heading the field are Aussie-bred Hantuchova, Glamour, Cosanne and Treeline, which will be challenged by local bets Bumper to Bumper, Hazmoore, Hyperbid, Lord of All and Staunch Ally.

Bosch-Intelco drivers score

RIDING brand new Arrow A-Max karts, the Bosch-Intelco Racing Team, led by Fil-Briton Daniel Cleak, stormed through the second round of the 2004 Shell Super Karting series held in the Carmona Racing Circuit Philippines recently.

Cleak delivered the biggest win with a near-flawless drive in the final heat of the Rotax Max Novice category to earn the class' round pennant.

Cleak's feat was complemented by Oliver Aquino and John Paul Dizon's 1-2 finish in the FSL Light division.

Badminton camp starts May 10

THE SECOND training schedule of the Epson Summer Badminton Camp reels off May 10 with hundreds of badminton enthusiasts expected to troop at the Pioneer Badminton Club in Mandaluyong City.

Camp director Eg Lim will facilitate the camp along with former national teammates Steven Yan and Malvin Alcala.

Lim said the participants would learn the fundamentals of the sport and improve their motor skills aside from gaining knowledge on the rules of the game and court discipline and etiquette.

Training modules will also be prepared for the participants to get the feel of actual competition and practice what they have learned during the camp, which runs until May 31.

Registration fee is P2,500. Interested parties may call 746-0828 or 638-5343.

The participants will undergo 10 training sessions scheduled three times a week either on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays or a program to be held every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday.

Pioneer Badminton Club's Edmin Tarriela said the first batch of participants in the Epson Summer Badminton Camp has shown great improvement as far as skill level is concerned.

Tarriela added Epson would organize a mini-tournament for the camp participants to see how they fare after going through the training sessions under the tutelage of Lim, Alcala and Yan.

BAD SHOT
Lindsay Davenport reacts to a bad shot against Patty Schnyder Friday during the Family Circle Cup. Davenport lost.
AFP

Gejon defends crown vs Albia

LAPU-LAPU CITY—Explosive fistic action is expected when Philippine minifly champ Elmer "Sinangag Attack" Gejon takes on No. 1 contender Ricardo Albia in a 12-round showdown tonight at the Lapu-Lapu Sports Center.

The fight, the mainer of the "Kadaugan sa Mactan 2" card initiated by Lapu-Lapu City Mayor Arturo Radaza, will showcase the rapid-punching Gejon against the hard-hitting Albia.

Gejon won the Philippine crown after prevailing by majority decision over the highly touted Jun Arlos last Jan. 30. Albia earlier gained the right to face the winner of the Gejon-Arlos match following recent wins over Allan Dugang, Rolando Baclayo, and Bobong Costelo (twice).

Gejon is tipped as a slight favorite due to his impressive sparring sessions. Albia has been virtually a recluse in the last several weeks and this should cause worry to the Gejon camp.

Top Cebu prospect Dexter "Dinamita" Delada, the country's no. 1 junior lightweight, will figure in a 10-round encounter with Nonoy Gonzalez, who is ranked RP No. 1 junior welterweight.

Both Gejon and Delada had vowed to dedicate their fights to their late trainer Pacing Flores. *Salven L. Lagumbay, Contributor*

SVI-Petron GP resumes at Subic

THE 2004 SVI-Petron Grand Prix resumes today with Louie Ramirez , Dominique Bon and Miguel Lazaro hoping to extend their opening-day triumphs at the Subic International Raceway. Ramirez, a mainstay of Petron Ultron-SRA Racing Team, dominated one of two season-opening races to take the early lead in the centerpiece Blaze super saloon category with a two-round aggregate of 16 points. Two other Petron-SR campaigners—Kookie and George Ramirez—came in second and third with 10 and eight points, respectively. Bon, who is leading the pack in the equally exciting SVI Challenge Cup, also has eight points in the super saloon category.

Expected to crowd the Ramirez brothers and Bon for overall supremacy are two-time defending champion Jody Coseteng of Caltex-Red Horse, Mike Anton of Red Bull-Auto Options, Francis Godinez of Add Research-ATI Group and Monching Gutierrez of Pampanga Racing Team.

Coseteng, who won four of the previous 10 stagings of the event, hopes to redeem himself following a forgettable performance in the first round where he failed to finish the race.

Bon will also gun for another victory over Lazaro, Renan Morales of Paragon Brokerage, Menchie Francisco of Petron-SRA and J.P. Castellano of Team TEC in the SVI Challenge Cup.

Bon has 14 points, four ahead of Lazaro and Morales after two rounds.

SPORTSWATCH

Caltex Drag Racing Series

CALTEX Havoline, in cooperation with the Philippine Drag Racing Familysport (PDRF,) will hold "The PDRF-Caltex Havoline Championship Drag Racing Series" at the SM Seaside Strip, PEA Promenade, Bay City in Pasay on Saturday, April 24, starting at 6 p.m. "Providing race aficionados a legal and safe environment to compete against one another is one way of discouraging people to engage in illegal-street racing that may result in accidents," said Paul Familara, Caltex Havoline Product Category Manager. The event is open to the public. "At least a hundred drag racers flock to our Saturday races at the Seaside Strip, proof that legal racing has been gaining ground in the country," said-Nonoy Jarlego, PDRF president.

Futbol Frenzy goes to Davao SM

IT'S the turn of football lovers to show their skills today as Futbol Frenzy moves to the Davao SM Supermalls. Football buffs will try their hand at fun games such as Precision Strike, Juggle Run and Penalty Thrill in the event which forms part of SM Supermalls' summer sports program. Participants get the chance to kick the football through five holes in the Precision Strike, keep the ball in the air with the use of either head, shoulders, thighs, knees and feet in Juggle Run or try being a goalkeeper or penalty kicker in the Penalty Thrill. A participant automatically receives a gift pack from Alaska and Gillete. Summer Sports at SM Supermalls-Futbol Frenzy is sponsored by SM Globe, JVC, Alaska, Mikasa, Accel, Gillete, Magic 89.9 FM, IMG and CMAX.

Rota tops Banar in Tanduay billiards

YOUNG Cebuano champion Israel Rota ousted deposed champion Florencio Banar, 5-3, yesterday in the "Search for Tanduay the No. 1 Billiards Player" at the Robinson's Malls. The 26-year-old Rota claimed the last two racks in the race-to-5 match to emerge the new champion of this event sponsored by Tanduay the No. 1 Rhum, Robinson's Malls, Accel, Hope the Luxury Cigarettes and Rommel's Billiards—the official table. Rota will face a new challenger next week in this series conceptualized by Tanduay advertising manager Larry Li and supported by Tanduay Marketing manager Andres Co. Meanwhile, some 60 promising cue artists are expected to join the CBL Open tournament on Wednesday, April 21, at the Rommel's Billiards Biak-na-Bato corner Amoranto. Interested parties may inquire with Rose or Luz of Rommel's Billiards at 712-3662 and 712-8931 or may inquire with the Corporate Billiards League secretariat at 09189219934 or with the Corporate Billiards League secretariat at 09189219934 or may log on at www.corporatebilliardsleague@yahoo.com.

People's Champion special out for sale

TOWER Sport's "Manny Pacquiao-People's Champion" special is out in the market. The 28-page full-color, glossy magazine includes a one-on-one interview with the Filipino world boxing champion, and stories on Pacquiao's humbling beginning and coming bout with Mexican champion Juan Manuel Marquez on May 8. The "Manny Pacquiao—People's Champion" special is available at Toby's, Chris Sports Plaza, Olympic Village, Royal Sports, Bufini and all branches of Shoemart.

Checkmate classes start tomorrow

MILO Checkmate opens another round of 7-day chess classes in Metro Manila starting tomorrow, April 19-24 before it goes South on April 26-May 1. The venues and schedules in Metro Manila are at Rizal Memorial Sports Complex (Badminton Bldg.) in Vito Cruz, Manila—8 a.m. to 12 nn; Wiz Child Kindergarten in Retiro, QC—8-11:30 a.m.; 3F Robinson's Place in Fairview—1:30-5 p.m.; Jollibee-Greenhills Shopping Center (GSC)—1:30-5 p.m.; and 4F J&F Divino Bldg. located at #967 Aurora Blvd., Quezon City—9 a.m.-1 p.m. and 2-6 p.m. In the South, the clinic will be conducted at the Fiesta World Mall (cinema lobby) in Lipa City; Canossa School in Sta. Rosa, Laguna; Angels in Heaven School in Cabuyao; and Benedictine Institute of Learning in Imus, Cavite. Open to kids who are 5-18 years old, courses offered are for preparatory, beginners, intermediate and advanced students. Interested parties are advised to proceed and register at the venue of their choice or call MCC at 826-8560 and 09168521069.

Submission of Bakbakan entries

PARTICIPANTS in the "Bakbakan Open National 8—Cock Derby" at Roligon Mega Cockpit must submit their entries today from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Sulu Hotel in Quezon City. For inquiries, contact 926-7808 and 924-5072, 924-5051 (loc. 128). The semifinal round (2-cock) will start at 4 p.m. tomorrow. The qualifiers will advance to the grand championship (3-cock) on Wednesday, April 21. The derby has been shortened to a five-day affair, according to Ricoy Palmares, president of National Federation of Gamefowl Breeders (NFGB), organizer of the event. At stake is a guaranteed prize of P3 million with a P15,000 entry fee. The derby's sponsors are Thunderbird Multi Grain, Bexan XP, Thunderbird Platinum, Asvet and Vitarich Panabong.

Asian fencing draw today

THE DRAW for the Sharp Asian fencing championships and the Asia/Oceania Olympic qualifying competitions will be held at 4 p.m. today at the Holiday Inn Galleria along Ortigas Avenue. Ioan Pop of France, International Fencing Federation (FIE) representative, will conduct the draw, according to POC and Pafa (Philippine Amateur Fencers Association) president Celso L. Dayrit. Close to 400 fencers from 23 countries are vying in the event organized by Pafa, sponsored by Sharp Phils. Inc. and supported by DOT, POC, PSC, PCSO, National Sports Grill, Philippine Star, DZSR Sports Radio, Holiday Inn Galleria and IMG.

Still a two-boat race in President's Cup

SUBIC—Hi Fidelity and Karakoa continued their battle for supremacy in the ongoing Smart Infinity-12th President' Cup Regatta off Subic Bay waters yesterday here. Neil Pryde's Welbourne 47 class boat Hi Fidelity won a battle of endurance with Ray Ordoveza's Excel 53 Karakoa during a 29-nautical mile-long fourth race the other day. But Karakoa bounced back to win the fifth race under the provisional results of the IRC Open Racing Class of this weeklong regatta jointly organized by the Manila Yacht Club and the Subic Bay Yacht Club. The 7,500 kilogram Hi Fidelity managed to elude Karakoa, Jelik and Stella Minter Ellison during Thursday's race after the first two boats misjudged a marker buoy.

ARAW NG KAGITINGAN ULTRAMARATHON
Runner participants of the Beam-Zest-O Patakbong Pinoy's 19th Araw ng Kagitingan Ultramarathon are seen trudging the first five kilometers of the 104-kilometer route that also traces the Death March of 1942 trail for two straight days. The Media Runners and Sports Promotions and Jonel Promotions joined hands with the San Fernando Runners Club Unlimited Inc. (SAFER RUN) headed by president Ed Paez to honor the heroes of this event in World War II.

RP Youth takes title

LUCENA City—The RP-Burlington Youth Team repeated over Singapore, 99-53, yesterday and capture the 4th South East Asia Junior Basketball Championship before a packed crowd at the Quezon Convention Center here.

And to cap the Nationals' victory, Martin Antonio came up with a breakaway slam with only 42 seconds to go as the audience roared in approval and the team began its celebration with hugs, handshakes and high fives.

Coach Johny Tam, who had vowed to wrest the crown the Filipinos lost when they finished only fourth two years ago in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, said he had a lot to thank for for the victory.

"I'm thankful to God, to my players and to their schools who lend them to us," said Tam, also an assistant coach of FedEx Express.

Ogie Menor, San Beda's ace Cub and voted Most Valuable Player of the tournament, finished with 20 points and 12 rebounds for his third double-double.

James Martinez, Menor's teammate at San Beda had 21, including three treys in the final quarter, while Jayson Castro added 14.

The tournament was organized by the Basketball Association of the Philippines and the local governments of Lucena, City and Quezon and supported by Burlington Socks, Accel, Healthy Options, Cebuana Lhullier, Absolute Distilled Water, Molten, Liftan and the Philippine Sports Commission.

On hand to give the awards and the trophies to the winners were Governor Willie C. Enverga and Vice Governor Jovie Talambong, Mayor Ramon Talaga, BAP Executive Vice President Christian Tan and Burlington general manager Rudy Tan.

Teamsports will show an RP-Burlington Youth Team special at 10 a.m. today over IBC 13.

The scores:

RP Burlington (99)—Martinez 21, Menor 20, Castro 14, Antonio 8, Sy 8, Taganas 7, Calatayud 4, Ababou 4, Medina 4, Astorga 2, Bautista 2.

Singapore (53)—Oh 12, Tay 12, Leong 10, Yang 5, Lim 4, Ping 2

Halftime: 50-21

Gerry gearing up

SPECTATOR

Al S. Mendoza

WHAT'S this I hear that Gerry Peñalosa, the former super flyweight champion of the world, is staging a comeback?

"Oh, yes, he is," said Hermie Rivera, the maker of two world Filipino champions in Luisito Espinosa and Morris East. "Gerry is back to reclàim his world crown."

Just a day after Hermie's confirmation came another confirmation from, who else but Dennis Principe, one of the more knowledgeable boxing writers to emerge from a clutch of sportswriters wanting to make a name for themselves in the boxing world.

"Yes, sir, you are right," said Dennis. "Gerry is all set for a comeback."

Gerry Peñalosa's comeback vehicle is no less than Roger Galicia, ranked No. 8 super flyweight by the World Boxing Association (WBA).

"The tentative date for the fight is on June 15 in Cebu," said Dennis.

Tony Aldeguer, that much-admired sportsman from Cebu City, will play a key role as one of the cogs in the staging of the Peñalosa-Galicia fight.

Even as Peñalosa has no ranking at the moment because he retired nearly two years ago, Galicia stands to gain a lot should he win the bout. For sure, Galicia will score big points insofar as his WBA ranking is concerned if he beats Peñalosa. Peñalosa's name still rings a bell if only because he was the former king in the 115-pound division.

"You must remember that Peñalosa still commands attention on the world stage," said Hermie Rivera. "Although he lost his last three title fights, they were all close decisions, a testament to Gerry's caliber as a world-class fighter."

I agree. I can especially vouch for two of those fights—the one in Seoul, South Korea, and the other in Yokohama, Japan. I was at ringside covering both fights.

Both were really close fights and their results could have gone the other way. Maybe, if both fights had been held here, Peñalosa could have won both. They were that close.

I have talked to Rudy Salud, Peñalosa's former manager, about Gerry's comeback bid.

"Yes, Gerry wants to resume fighting," said Rudy. "He came to me for two things. One, he asked me if I could be his manager again. Two, he asked my opinion if he could still hack it."

To Gerry's first question, Rudy's answer was: "Sorry, but I'm sticking to my belief: I do not handle two boxers at the same time."

Rudy Salud is presently the manager of Z Gorres, the promising teenager who is scheduled to fight sometime in May in Korea.

To Gerry's second question, Rudy's answer to his former ward was: "I do not have the faintest idea if you can still hack it or not. It's only you who can say you still have what it takes to be a champion. Only you can absolutely detect if the wallop is still there."

Gerry, wife Goody in tow, said his goodbye to Rudy with the smile of one hearing answers to questions he'd wanted to hear.

Gerry next talked to Hermie Rivera. One thing led to another.

"I called up Mr. Rudy Salud to ask permission to help re-chart Gerry's career," said Hermie. "As usual, the gentleman that Mr. Salud is immediately acceded. He wished us all the luck."

But for the record, Hermie Rivera wanted it known he wouldn't be Gerry's manager.

"I will just help prepare him for his comeback," said Hermie. "I believe Gerry, who is not more than 34 years old I believe, can still do it. With Tony (Aldeguer) joining us in this mission, I don't see any major hitch coming our way."

There's nothing new or unique in Gerry Peñalosa's case. We've seen so many retired boxers in the past deciding to stage a comeback.

What could be the reason?

Money?

Not really. Compared to other boxers, Gerry Peñalosa is well off.

I guess I know the reason. It's this: Boxers, it seems, are like singers. Or even writers, maybe. They all find it hard to retire-permanently.

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FASTBREAK. Riviera will stage its 6th Member-Guest Tournament on April 22-25 at Couples and Langer, a much-awaited event that offers a Ford Everest as a hole-in-one prize from Ford Alabang. A record 220 teams have registered for the 36-hole event. Said Riviera president Danny Pizarro: "We made the tournament four days to accommodate more members. Last year, we held it only for two days, forcing us to turn down many members wanting to join the event. This time, our members will really enjoy the competition all the more while fostering camaraderie among themselves." All the best, Commodore!

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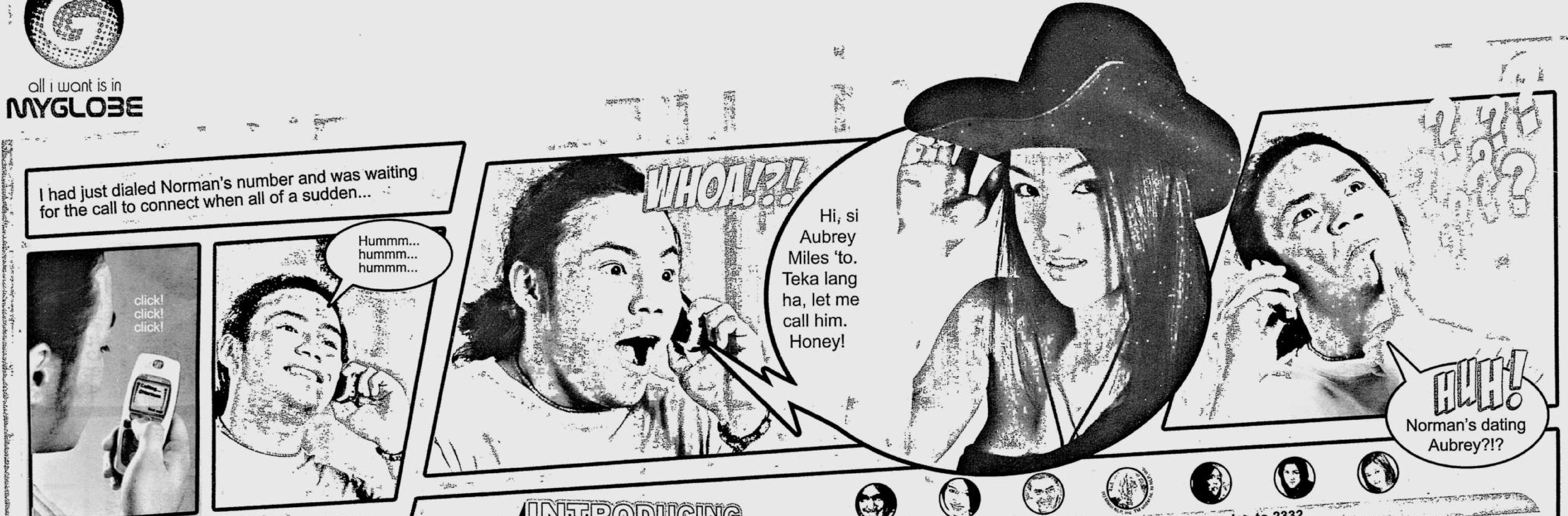
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By Clarissa S. Batino

LIKE THE Jamaican team that joined the bobsled competition in the Winter Olympics during the '80s, a Philippine team will attempt for the first time to scale and hopefully conquer the frozen peak of Mt. Everest in the summer of 2007.

Arturo Valdez, undersecretary of the transportation department since the Ramos administration, vowed to quit his post by June to join the once-in-a-lifetime adventure and lead a group of experienced climbers for the First Philippine Mount Everest Expedition.

A veteran mountaineer, Valdez, who is more than 50 years old, says that he would count the Everest summit as his biggest accomplishment.

Hinting at frustration in government service, Valdez notes that he would rather climb and die on Mt. Everest than in an airport tower like a former military official and his aide who were killed in November last year.

"This is a matter of national pride. Through this collective and united effort, the Filipino can show the world his 'can do' spirit. This Mountain Everest Expedition will be like a fresh mountain breeze that can energize our nation's spirit of unity," he says in an interview.

The Philippine team is not going for any world or Asian record because groups from Indonesia, Malaysia and Singapore had conquered the summit of Everest since the late '90s.

But one or two women in the Philippine team could be the first Southeast Asian women to reach the world's highest peak located in the Himalayan range and straddling the borders of Nepal and Tibet.

The bid for Everest was launched last March 23 at the Playground of Rockwell's Power Plant Mall. Climb outfitter North Face sponsored the event where former President Fidel Ramos was the guest speaker.

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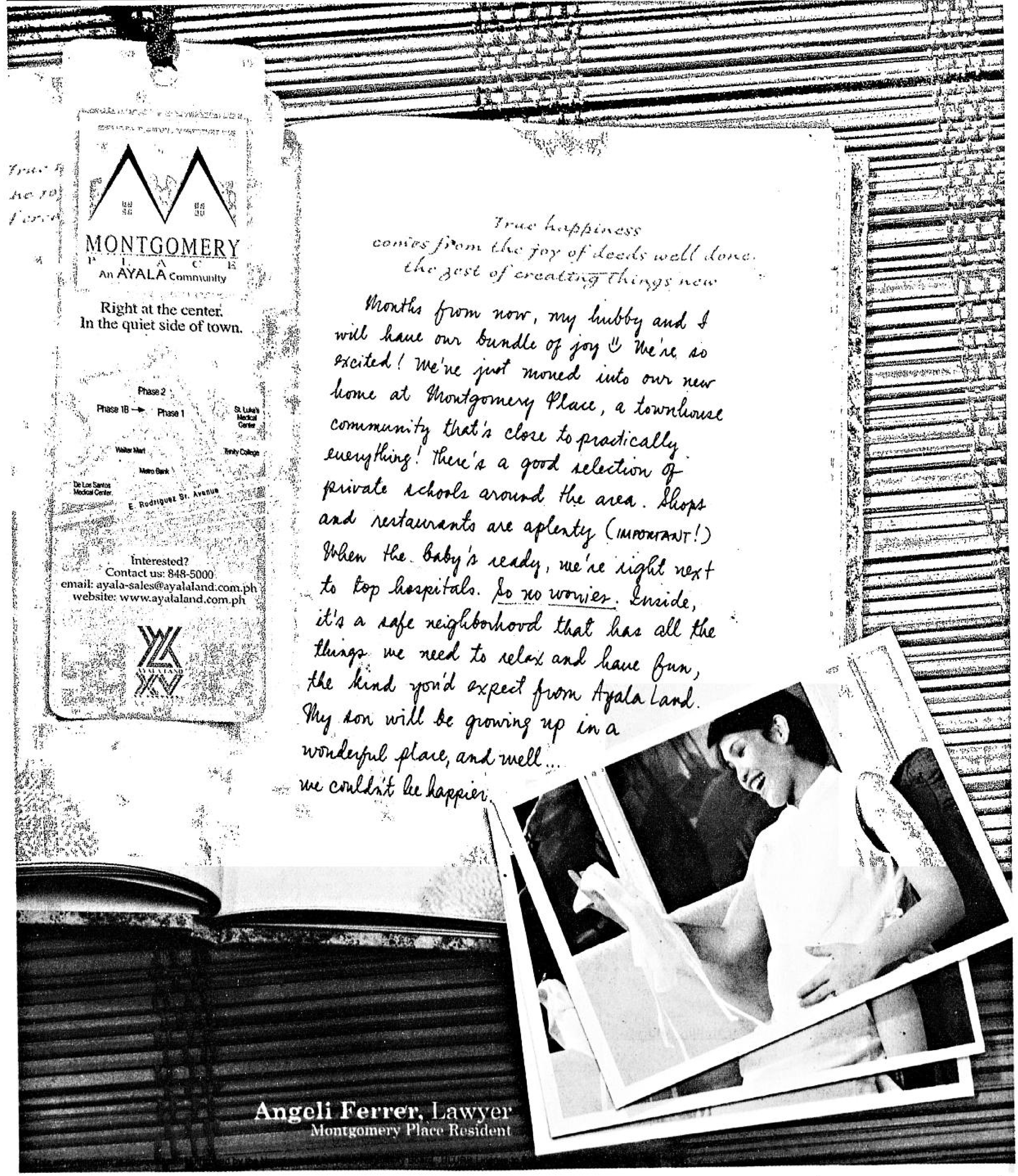
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GLOBE Telecom, and other subsidiaries of the Ayala group of companies, ran away with 11 Gold Quill and Anvil Awards in separate awarding ceremonies held respectively by the International Association of Business Communicators (IABC)/ Philippines and the Public Relations Society of the Philippines (PRSP).

In awarding ceremonies held recently for the 2004 Gold Quill Awards Philippines: Recognizing Excellence in Communication, IABC/Phils. bestowed five Gold Quill Awards of Excellence and three Gold Quill Awards of Merit to distinct Ayala group communications initiatives, judged at par with international standards of quality. IABC/Phils. is the first chapter of the San Francisco-based IABC outside the United States.

Given the Gold Quill Awards of Excellence were Globe Telecom's Globe Spectrum Magazine (Publication Design); the Ayala group of companies' 2002 Unified Annual Reports (Publication and Publication Design); Ayala Foundation's Text2Teach: A Bridgeit Project (Community Relations); and Ayala's corporate video What Makes a Company Great? (Audio-Visual).

Globe Spectrum, the multi-awarded external communications magazine of Globe Telecom, showcases an impressive mix of form and substance. It lends itself as a vehicle for documenting industry issues and communicating corporate news and developments to Globe's external publics.

Globe Spectrum is a collaborative work among Globe's Public Relations Division and lead design agency ArtOne Design Inc.

The Ayala group of companies' 2002 Unified Annual Reports focused on the concept of stakeholder trust. Using a single design template, the reports highlighted the conglomerate's diverse business interests and shared business principles and values.

Ayala's five-minute corporate video, developed together with K2interactive, Inc., reiterated the concept of responsible stakeholder relations with the tagline: "What makes a good company great? What makes a country great? The people who stand by it."

Chalking up their own success via Gold Quill Awards of Merit were AFI's Text2Teach (Marketing Communication, in tandem with EON Inc.); Globe Telecom's Icon: The Globe Employee Portal (Electronic and Interactive Communication), and BPI Foundation's Steering Infanta onto the road progress (Community Relations).

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These are "We place God above all; We believe that the Viewer is boss; We value our people as our best assets; We uphold integrity and transparency; We are driven by our passion for excellence; We strive for efficiency in everything we do; We pursue creativity and innovation."

GMA Network Inc chair and president and CEO Felipe Gozon also spoke before the members of the IABC Phils. at the Asia Pacific Communication Conference. Gozon assured the public that GMA Network in the advent of satellite and digital technology will remain focused on developing content relevant to the young audience while taking note of new developments and keeping pace with new trends.

Inquirer wins 2

In less than a week's time, the Philippine Daily Inquirer's recycling campaign called the New Paper Drive received two awards from both this year's Gold Quill and Anvil awards.

INQUIRER'S New Paper Drive, a program that promotes solid waste management by buying old newspapers and tabloids, won a Gold Quill Award of Excellence in economic, social and environmental development last Tuesday, March 30 and an Anvil Award of Merit in public affairs management and communications last Friday, March 26.

The drive, which annually kicks off every June, has already recycled over 230,000 kilos of old newspapers and tabloids since it started in 2001, saving the lives of about 4,500 trees. In the past, the drive has received the staunch support of the Metro Manila Federation of Environment (implementor of Linis-Ganda), League of Corporate Foundations, Archdiocese of Manila, schools, universities, companies and foundations.

In addition, a Gold Quill Award of Excellence in publication design was given to Inquirer's corporate brochure, which was designed by Harrison Communications (a subsidiary of McCann Erickson Philippines).

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Standing 29,035 feet above sea level, the peak of Mt. Everest is the most coveted among mountain climbers even after it had claimed more than 100 lives since the 1920's when British explorers George Mallory and Andrew Irvine disappeared near the summit.

The bid for the Everest peak is no joke in terms of sweat and money. A group of 15 would need about half a million US dollars (P28 million) just for the 60-day Everest peak adventure.

The training, too, would be costly, said the team leader. Right now, he says the team plans to spend their own money while waiting for sponsors like big Philippine companies to pick up some or preferably most of the tab.

The RP team is currently composed of about 25 veteran climbers from mountaineering groups all over the country. Most are members of the Mountaineering Federation of the Philippines currently headed by Regie Pablo, a guy who had scaled Kyrgyzstan as well as the Swiss and French Alps.

Valdez and climbing buddy Fred Jamili led other Filipino mountaineers in the first Philippine expedition to Malaysia's Mt. Kinabalu in the early '80s.

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As the three-year rigorous physical training kicks in, more will be eliminated until only 12 to 15 people are left. Lined up for the team's training ascents are the French Alps, Lenin's Peak in Kyrgyzstan, Cho-Oyo or the sixth highest peak in the Himalayan range.

In between scaling frozen peaks, the RP team would continue to conquer tropical summits, including unclimbed portions of Mt. Guiting-Guiting in Romblon where four members of UP Mountaineers died in the early '80s, unexplored areas of Mt. Mayon and a mountain in Lanao del Norte.

By the summer of 2006, Valdez says the team would evaluate whether it is mentally and physically ready for the Everest challenge. Otherwise, it would stick to the original schedule of 2007.

"We don't have frozen peaks so we have to train the same way Jamaicans trained before joining the bobsled competition," he notes. The story of the Jamaican team was made into the film titled "Cool Runnings."

Valdez says the RP Everest team is aware of the consequences of their adventure. He knows that poor weather conditions could thwart their summit bid or worse, they could die on the frozen slopes of the Himalayas.

Even during summer, the weather on Everest is unpredictable. He says the 60-day window would allow the team to have two attempts at the peak.

"We could have all the preparations in the world but up there, it is still nature that rules. That makes Everest Everest," stresses the team leader.

Valdez is aware that Everest had claimed too many lives. In fact, anybody who tries to climb Everest has to sign a waiver saying that in case of death, one would either like a mountain burial or a retrieval of the body so it could be returned home.

The soon-to-be former government official has made his choice.

"I don't mind sleeping on Everest. So if my kids are asked where you dad is, they could tell the people that he is up there in Everest sleeping. I think that's better than being buried in Manila Memorial," he notes.

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Given the Gold Quill Awards of Excellence were Globe Telecom's Globe Spectrum Magazine (Publication Design): the Ayala group of companies' 2002 Unified Annual Reports (Publication and Publication Design). Ayala Foundation's Text2Teach: A Bridgeit Project (Community Relations); and Ayala's corporate video What Makes a Company Great? (Audio-Visual).

Globe Spectrum, the multi-awarded external communications magazine of Globe Telecom, showcases an impressive mix of form and substance. It lends itself as a vehicle for documenting industry issues and communicating corporate news and developments to Globe's external publics.

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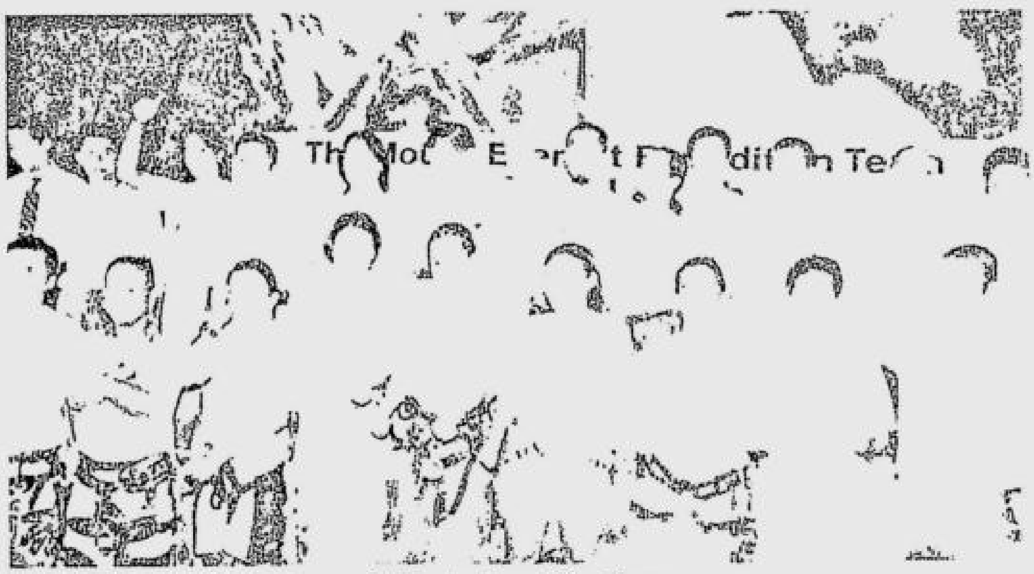
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Brittany achieves milestones in high-end real estate

BRITTANY Corporation, the country's pioneer in developing high-end, master-planned residential communities which are unique for being inspired by coherent and distinctive themes, has achieved multiple milestones recently toward the completion of its ongoing projects, namely: Portofino in Alabang; CrossWinds in Tagaytay; La Posada in Sucat; and Vita Toscana in Cavite.

Portofino, the Italian-themed residential community strategically located only minutes away from the Alabang commercial area along the new Las Piñas-Muntinlupa-Laguna-Cavite Link Road, has sold out phases 1 to 4 called Portofino Heights in less than a year. The development is now selling phases 5 to 12 consisting of Portofino South and Courtyards of Portofino. The concept of Portofino is inspired by its Italian namesake, a striking seaport town with its gentle, rolling hills, a river and plenty of greenery, where life is celebrated with exuberance. Buyers of property at Portofino are families who are at home in any of the world's finest destinations. Portofino residents are citizens of the world in a true sense.

CrossWinds, the Swiss-inspired weekend retreat hidden away in a secluded yet easily accessible prime location in Tagaytay, its rolling terrain boasting thousands and thousands of imported pine trees, has sold out its first area of Swiss Quadrilles in only four months. Crosswinds, named after the winds that converge from different points of the compass above the site, attracts residents who have definite ideas about what they want in life, who want a quiet hideaway close to nature, a weekend getaway.

La Posada is the residential enclave of Brittany Bay, a self-contained community facing Laguna de Bay located only meters away from the Sucat Interchange. La Posada is now 90 percent sold, with 90 percent of its infrastructure development completed and a number of owners already occupying their new homes. A section of La Posada, Victorianne Row, which offers striking residential designs inspired by those "Postcard Row" Neo-Victorian homes on Alamo Square in San Francisco, has sold more than 50 percent of its units.

The latest addition to Brittany's roster of developments is Vita Toscana, the only upscale, residential development in Cavite situated at the gateway of southern Manila just off the Coastal Road, is located right on Molino Blvd., a four-lane highway that will be open at the end of 2004. The site provides convenient access from Cavite to Manila as well as Las Piñas, Muntinlupa and Laguna through the new Link Road. Vita Toscana offers the countryside charm typical of Italy's Tuscany province. A place where life is not lived in a rush, Vita Toscana allows its fortunate residents to savor the moment.

Among its clients, Brittany is setting new standards in high-end real estate with its theme-inspired developments, each of which conveys the feeling of being in a different world. Brittany developments are characterized by the innovative and unique application of design concepts. Thoughtful design, planning and execution by Brittany are among its signature elements, along with the pride of ownership and the superior values its properties provide.

PANA CONDUCTS GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The Philippine Association of National Advertisers (Pana) conducted its March General Membership Meeting at the Tavern on the Square. The grand raffle was sponsored by Maribagi Bluewater Beach and Cebu Pacific. Photo shows (from left) Gloria Lleno of Auction in Malinta who won the vacation showcase to Cebu City, with Pana executive director Dr. Nonie Azarcon and Maribago Resort sales and marketing director Margie Munsayac.

PNB ATM cardholders reach million mark

THE PHILIPPINE National Bank's (PNB) ATM cardholder base has broken through the 1 million mark as of the end-October last year, a fitting highlight to cap the bank's achievement in 2003.

PNB vice president Evelyn Ylagan, head of the bank's ATM center, reported that the significant growth of PNB's cardholder base was attributed to the introduction of special account products such as Priority One Checking Account, the Bagong Bayan ATM cards for Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs) and the First Access Savings Account. She said "the bank's introduction of new and innovative products for specific target markets provided our ATM business the push it needed."

"This is an incredible feat considering that this development was accompanied by the purging of inactive cards," said PNB executive vice president and retail banking sector chief Ismael Sandig. He added that the bank's vigorous marketing campaign for its new products and the successful passbook-to-ATM account migration drive have both tremendously helped in increasing the number of the bank's ATM cardholders.

PNB's ATM cardholder base showed an aggressive rise last year, from just a little over 770,000 in end-December 2002 to 1.012 million as of October 31, 2003. These numbers are expected to increase even further as the bank continues to expand its ATM network. To date, PNB has a total of 206 on-site and off-site ATMs nationwide, with 101 of them in Metro Manila.

A member of the Megalink network, which has an ATM base of 1,457 stations nationwide. PNB Supertellers posted a performance average of 99++percent in terms of controllable approval rate, reply rate and hosting availability of its ATM network facility.

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PHILIPPINE EDUCATIONAL PUBLISHERS' ASSOCIATION GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The Philippine Educational Publishers' Association held its general assembly last March 5 at the Edsa Shangri-La. The assembly brought together the stalwarts in the educational publishing industry to discuss issues concerning the implementation of the Book Publishing Industry Development Act, the principal objective of which is to ensure the adequacy, affordability and accessibility of books in the country. Inset are DepEd Usec. Miguel Luz, who spoke on the government's Textbook Procurement Policy, Usec Fe Hidalgo, Curricculum Changes, and International Property Coalition chair John Lesaca, Optical Media Law.

KEEPING E-TV ALIVE FOR STUDENTS

E-Media recently thanked the supporters of its Educational TV (E-TV) shows in simple ceremonies. Picture shows (from left): Kraft group product manager Issa Cabreira and Kraft marketing director Marivic Tiongson receiving a plaque of appreciation from E-Media program director Zen Dimalanta and ABS-CBN sales director Gina Mariano. E-Media, a program of ABS-CBN Foundation Inc, produces highly-regarded E-TV shows like Detek Kids, Sine'skwela, Hirayamanawari, Epol/Apple and Mathtinik.

BARBIE POSH PET DOLL

TV teenstar Angelica Panganiban (right) poses with Kitty Style Barbie image model during the launching of the Barbie's Posh Pets Collection at Toy Kingdom, SM Megamall, Mandaluyong City. Angelica is among the many celebrity pet lovers who welcomed the newest Barbie Collection. Barbie toys and licensing products are available at all leading department stores and toy stores nationwide. Visit Think Pink Boutique, the 1st and only specialty store of Barbie in the country located at the 2nd level of Glorietta Mall, Ayala Center, Makati City. Announcement to all girls ages 2 to 11 years old who are Barbie fanatics. Barbie Fan Club is now open for memberships. For inquiries, call Letty or Lai at 732-5141 to 47, marketing department of Richwell Trading Corp.

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CLTS teachers seminar slated

THE CENTER for Learning and Teaching Styles Philippines, an affiliate of the International Learning Styles Network, is conducting a two-day teacher training seminar designed for elementary and high school teachers. The seminar entitled "The High Class Teacher" is scheduled on April 29 and 30 at the QC Sports Club Inc. Hi Class means High Impact Classroom Learning Activities, Styles and Strategies. The highly interactive and experiential seminar will be presented in six modules, namely: Preparing Your Lesson Plan; Capturing Your Students' Attention; Sustaining Their Interest; Making the Lesson Stick; Brainobics; and Closing and Evaluation. Seminar facilitators are professors Henry Tenedero and Albert Saldeno Jr. For more information, call 374-4967 or 374-0973.

SMMC to perform in Japan

THE SAN Miguel Master Chorale was recently chosen as one of the invited choirs to the 7th World Symposium on Choral Music to be held in Kyoto, Japan from July 27 to Aug. 3 2005. The SMMC was chosen from hundreds of aspirants based on submitted repertoire and audio samples in accordance with the symposium's theme. Aside from the main symposium concert with other invited choirs, the SMMC will perform in community concerts in various venues around Kyoto. The SMMC has also been invited to participate in the fringe concerts outside of Kyoto and the Kansai area in Japan. The World Symposium on Choral Music is a one-week event organized every three years that attracts the world's most prestigious choral conductors and choirs.

Lavish wedding receptions

AFFIANCED couples should check out Discovery Suites' current incentive offer which give them more perks, in addition to those offered in the hotel's value-packed wedding packages. Those who confirm their bookings at Discovery Suites from March 15 to May 15 and are availing of a wedding package will enjoy the following value-added benefits: for receptions of 50 persons - free corkage of up to five bottles of wine/champagne. Receptions for 120 persons also enjoy free corkage of up to 10 bottles plus a complimentary lunch buffet for two at Cafe Berrio. The hotel's packages offer a host of amenities and cuisine. To complete the event, the couple will also receive a complimentary overnight stay in a one-bedroom suite with buffet breakfast for two at the Serendipity Lounge and a special bridal gift. For details, call the events group at 683-8256/635-2222 local 3337-3339.

Masterfoods

M&M'S 'THE GREAT TREASURE HUNT'

Materfoods Philippines, makers of M&M's, Snickers, Maltesers and Mars recently awarded P10,000 to Elma Campit, one of the winners of its 'Great Treasure Hunt' consumer promo. Her son found the lucky coupon in a pack of M&M's Milk Chocolate given by a close relative as a casual pasalubong. Campit and her family including her three-week-old baby, were more than happy to receive the cash prize. Awarding their prize are Vanessa Bicomong, franchise manager of chocolates (extreme right) and Melissa Cinco, channel manager for petrol and convenience stores (extreme left) of Masterfoods Philippines. Almost a million pesos worth of prizes were given away during this two-month long instant win promo.

PNB, NEW YORK LIFE INSURANCE SIGN MOA

The Philippine National Bank recently signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with New York Life Insurance Phils Inc (Nyli) that will allow Nyli policyholders to pay their insurance premiums over-the-counter in any of PNB's 324 domestic branches. At the signing were (from left): Nyli vice president and chief financial officer Rebecca dela Cruz; PNB first senior vice president Rita Bautista; Nyli senior vice president and chief operating officer Marianne Crisol and PNB first vice president Evelyn Guanzon.

ProductFILES

The kid-friendly vitamin

THE DAYS of running after kids just to have them take their vitamins are over. Unilab Consumer Health has found a solution with Cetrinets Fruteez Food Supplement Vitamin C for Growing up Kids. This kid-friendly vitamin has five-pleasant, fruity flavors-orange, lemon, grape, apple, and strawberry. Chewable and yummy, how can kids refuse it? It is mainly intended for growing up kids at the 7-12 age bracket. Research shows that there are 12 million kids who stopped taking vitamins at this age. Most mothers have stopped giving kids this age vitamins for two reasons: they believe the kids get enough vitamins from the food they eat, and kids just don't like the icky taste of some other vitamins. And its very affordable compared to other brands.

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Republic of the Philippines
Commission on Elections
Manila

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR EN BANC MEETING OF THE COMMISSION ON ELECTIONS HELD ON MARCH 16, 2004

Present : Chairman Benjamin S. Abalos, Sr.
Commissioner Rufino S.B. Javier
Commissioner Mehol K. Sadain
Commissioner Resurreccion Z. Borra
Commissioner Florentino A. Tuason, Jr.
Commissioner Virgilio O. Garcillano
Commissioner Manuel A. Barcelona, Jr.

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04-0291. IN THE MATTER OF THE MEMORANDUM OF ATTY. PIO JOSE S. JOSON, DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR OPERATIONS, INVITING THE ATTENTION OF THE COMMISSION RELATIVE TO THE ALLOCATED SEATS FOR MEMBERS OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN FOR THE PROVINCES OF MISAMIS OCCIDENTAL, AGUSAN DEL NORTE AND LANAO DEL SUR PURSUANT TO COMELEC RESOLUTION NO. 6662.

This pertains to the Memorandum dated 12 March 2004 of Atty. Pio Jose S. Joson, Deputy Executive Director for Operations, inviting the attention of the Commission relative to the allocated seats for members of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan for the Provinces of Misamis Occidental, Agusan del Norte and Lanao del Sur pursuant to Comelec Resolution No. 6662.

The Memorandum of Atty. Joson reads:

"This refers to Resolution No. 6662, promulgated on 08 March 2004, entitled "Allocation of seats of: (1) Members of the House of Representatives; (2) Elective Members of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan, (3) Sangguniang Panglungsod; and (4) Sangguniang Bayan in connection with the May 10, 2004 National and Local Elections."

In this connection, this office would like to invite the attention of the Commission relative to the allocated seats for members of Sangguniang Panlalawigan for the Provinces of Misamis Occidental, Agusan del Norte and Lanao del Sur, because Annex "B" of said Resolution, increases the allocation number of Sangguniang membership from eight (8) to ten (10) pursuant to Memorandum Circular No. 01-P, dated 28 January 2002 re Reclassification of All Provinces effective as of 20 November 2001, which are solely and primarily based on income bracket, without the benefit of an official and approved petition of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan requesting for an additional seats of their Sangguniang members, as required under Republic Act No. 8553, entitled "An act amending Section 41 (B) of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991," and we quote:

Sections 1 & 2 R.A. No. 8553, provides that:

- *Section 1. Section 41 (b) of Republic Act No. 7160 otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, is hereby amended to read as follows:*

  (b) The regular members of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan, sangguniang panlungsod, and Sangguniang Bayan shall be elected by district as follows:

  *'**First and second-class provinces have ten (10) regular members.** Third and fourth-class provinces, eight (9) and fifth and sixth-class provinces, six (6); Provided, That in provinces having more than five (5) legislative districts, each district shall have two (2) Sangguniang panlalawigan members, without prejudice to the provisions of Section 2 of Republic Act No. 6637. Sangguniang barangay members shall be elected at large. The presidents of the leagues of sanggunian members of component cities and municipalities shall serve as ex officio members of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan concerned. The presidents of the liga ng mga barangay and the pederasyon ng mga Sangguniang kabataan elected by their respective chapters, as provided in this Code shall serve as ex officio members of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan, Sangguniang panlungsod, and Sangguniang bayan. (Emphasis ours)*

  *SEC. 2. **Upon the petition of the provincial board, the election of any additional regular member to the sangguniang panlalawigan as provided for under this Act, shall be held not earlier tan six (6) months after the May 11, 1998 national and local elections"** (Emphasis ours)*

This only means that the Commission can dispense with, on the requirement enunciated in R.A. No. 8553. In other words, the Commission may motu [proprio] increase the number of Sangguniang Panlalawigan (SP) without the benefit of a petition and without even knowing that there is an increase of SP member in their own backyard, as previously declared by the Commission that Section 2 of R.A. No. 8553 is only a transitory provision.

On the other hand, the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of other provinces, such as Camarines Norte, Aklan, and Antique, filed their petitions with the Commission En Banc through this office, in the form of resolutions, requesting for an additional seats of Sangguniang Panlalawigan in compliance with requirement of the aforequoted.

It is worth mentioning that, as early as 1993 the Commission likewise, promulgated Resolution Nos. 2515 & 2517 implementing the last paragraph of Section 3, R.A. No. 7166, the rules and regulation to provide for the election of such sectoral representatives.

However, up to present it never materialized for the reason that the local government units (LGUs) concerned are the ones who determine to implement and recognize the same, as they shall have the direct and actual duty or burden, of appropriating the additional funds for the emoluments, and the administrative and operational expenses of the added officers of Sangguniang members.

Accordingly, granting that the Commission is correct, for the additional two (2) SP members, there might some other legal complications that may crop up for the said action, such as:

1. *What if the said provinces do not or refuse to acknowledge it, taking into account that they don't have an appropriate allocated fund for the said new office? And the fact that even presently many LGU do not have the fiscal capability to meet the basic salaries and allowances of their Sangguniang and other administrative officials/employees. Or they were never informed by the Commission for such increase considering that they are the party concerned and would be affected. What would be the remedy of the Commission?*
2. *How about those provinces which are not even notified about the increase, and now the Commission declares that there is an additional 2 SP member to be voted for this coming election? Can there be an extension to set for filing of certificate of candidacy for the said two additional positions?*

Respectfully submitted for information and immediate consideration."

Subsequently, Atty. Joson submitted another Memorandum dated 13 March 2004 on above subject, which reads:

"This is in connection to our attached memorandum dated 12 March 2004 relative to Resolution No. 6662, promulgated on 08 March 2004, entitled "Allocation of seats of: (1) Members of the House of Representatives; (2) Elective Members of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan; (3) Sangguniang Panglungsod; and (4) Sangguniang Bayan in connection with the May 10, 2004 National and Local Elections;"

In addition to the provinces we have earlier mentioned, the Province of Sarangani likewise failed to file their petition requesting the Commission for the additional (2) Sangguniang Panlalawigan members.

Accordingly, it is respectfully recommended to the Commission en Banc that:

1. *The Sangguniang Panlalawigan concerned be advised on the matter and be required to submit their respective resolutions, with their collegial comment and stand on this additional SP Positions, and the availability of funds for the personal Services and maintenance and operating expenses for the two SP members of offices.*
2. *The Provincial Election Supervisor concerned should be also required to submit their report whether or not there were candidates who filed their Certificates of Candidacy for the additional 2 SP Positions.*

Respectfully submitted for information and immediate consideration."

Considering that time is of the essence and pending receipt of the reports/resolutions from various Sangguniang Panlalawigan per recommendation of the Deputy Executive Director for Operations which may derail the printing of the accountable forms for the May 10, 2004 elections, the Commission **RESOLVED**, as it hereby **RESOLVES**, to wit:

1) to defer implementation of Resolution No. 6662 insofar as the provinces of Misamis Occidental, Agusan Del Norte and Lanao del Sur are concerned;

2) to maintain the allocation of seats for the provinces of Misamis Occidental, Agusal Del Norte and Lanao del Sur based on the 2001 elections, to wit:

Province	**District Apportionment**		
	First District	**Second District**	**Total**
Misamis Occidental	4	4	8
Agusan Del Norte	1	7	8
Lanao del Sur	4	4	8

Let the Deputy Executive Director for Operations implement this resolution and to furnish copies thereof to all working committees for their information and guidance.

The Education and Information Department shall cause the publication hereof in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

SO ORDERED.

BENJAMIN S. ABALOS, SR.
Chairman

RUFINO S.B. JAVIER
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(PDI—April 18, 2004)

Philippine Amusement & Gaming Corporation
Responding Through Responsible Gaming

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID
ITB NO.: 04-26-2004

The Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation (PAGCOR) is inviting all interested bidders in the re-bidding of the project stated hereunder:

Name of Project : Supply & Delivery
1.5 million decks of Playing Cards
Approved Budget : One Million Eight Hundred Thousand U.S. Dollars
(US$ 1,800,000.00)
(**Note:** CIF — Port of Manila
Source of Fund : Internally Funded

Only suppliers (foreign or local) duly registered with PAGCOR shall be allowed to participate in the bidding. Unregistered suppliers must register at the Suppliers Registration & Evaluation Section (SRES), Procurement & Property Department (PPD), 2nd Floor PAGCOR House, 1330 Roxas Blvd., Ermita Mla., Tel. No. 526-0573.

The detailed project particulars and instructions to bidders are discussed in the Bid Documents available for issuance from April 16, 2004 to May 11, 2004 at the BAC Secretariat Unit, PPD-Corporate upon payment of a non-refundable fee of One Thousand Five Hundred (Php 1,500.00). In order to secure the documents, bidders should present the Official Receipt issued by our Cashier to the BAC Secretary handling the project.

Pre-Bid Conference : April 28, 2004 (10:00 a.m.)
Submission of Bids (Envelopes 1, 2 & 3) : May 12, 2004 (10:00 a.m.)
Opening of Bids (Envelopes 1 & 2) : May 12, 2004 (10:00 a.m. onwards)
Opening of Financial Bids (Envelope 3) : June 15, 2004 (10:00 a.m. onwards)

PAGCOR has the right to disqualify any prospective bidder if found that they have submitted falsified documents and/or information, to accept or reject any or all bids, to annul the bidding process, to waive any defects or formalities found therein and to accept such bid or a part thereof as may be deemed most advantageous to PAGCOR, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected bidder or bidders.

PAGCOR reserves the right to reject any and all bids, declare a failure of bidding, or not award the contract if there is prima facie evidence of collusion between appropriate public officers or employees of the agency, or between the BAC and any of the bidders, or if the collusion is between or among the bidders themselves, or between a bidder and a third party, including any act which restricts, suppresses or nullifies or tends to restrict, suppress or nullify competition, or if the BAC is found to have failed to follow the prescribed bidding procedures, or for any justifiable and reasonable ground where the award of the contract will not redound to the benefit of the government (R.A. 9184, Sec. 41).

Please address all communications to the BAC Secretariat Unit, Procurement & Property Department.

(Sgd.) **RENE C. FIGUEROA**
Chairperson, BAC 2

(PDI – April 18 & 25, 2004)

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

This is to inform the public that EMMANUEL STAFFING SERVICES, INC. (ESSI) a duly licensed land-based recruitment agency (License No. POEA-022-LB-051603-PL) with office address at 1060 Panay Street, Sampaloc, 1008 Manila, has a new set of officers.

The new Company's directors and officers are as follows:

PRAXEDES DEMESA-BERNABE	—	Director/Board Member/ President & CEO
MART ANTHONY D. BARROGA	—	Director/Corporate Treasurer & VP-Finance
MARTIN HEZRON D. BARROGA	—	Director/Asst. Corporate Secretary
ALMA M. DIZON	—	Director/Board Member/ VP- Operations
TERESITA A. GUIQUING	—	Business Development Officer
TRISHA MARIE C. RENTOY	—	Director/Board Member/ Corporate Secretary

(PDI – April 18, 2004)

SAMAR I ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.
BRGY. CARAYMAN, CALBAYOG CITY
TEL. NO.: 2093-644, 2093-645 (TELEFAX)

INVITATION TO BID

Date : April 15, 2004

The **SAMAR I ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. (SAMELCO I)** now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the supply and delivery of:

200 pcs. – Steel Poles 35 ft., Hot Dip Galvanized with NEA Holes Specifications

Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information and obtain bidding documents upon payment of non-refundable amount of **One Thousand Pesos (P1,000.00)** at the address given below from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

SAMELCO I Headquarters
Brgy. Carayman, Calbayog City

Interested parties who are not yet accredited must submit/meet the following requirements to be eligible for bidding:

1. company profile;
2. list of clients

Bids must be delivered to the address above on or before **10:30 AM on April 27, 2004**, accompanied by bidders bond in cash or cashier's equivalent to **five percent (5%)** of the bid price. Bids will be opened in the presence of the bidder or the bidder's representative at the address above at **10:30 AM on April 27, 2004.**

THE BIDS AND AWARDS COMMITTEE

(PDI – April 17, 18 & 19, 2004)

DISPOSAL SALE

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs/Manila will conduct a Sealed Bid Sale of used office furniture/equipment, household appliances, computer equipment, lawn equipment and one (1) unit 1993 Mitsubishi Pajero, 2-door, silver color, 4x4, manual transmission on an **"AS IS-WHERE IS"** basis.

Properties can be inspected at the USDVA/Outpatient Clinic, 2201 Roxas Boulevard, Pasay City and American Battle Monument Cemetery, Fort Bonifacio, Makati City on April 19-20, 2004 from 9:00-11:00 am and 1:00-3:00 pm. Bid forms are available at the USDVA/Outpatient Clinic. Submission of bids and cash deposits (20% of the total bid) can be received by the USDVA Outpatient Clinic Cashier during the sale.

For further information and lot descriptions, please call Mr. Manuel Fidel C. Holandez or Mr. Alvin Sebastian at Tel. Nos. 833-4566 to 69 ext. 8205/8207.

Republic of the Philippines
Department of Health
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
CENTRAL OFFICE
BIDS AND AWARDS COMMITTEE

Bldg #6, San Lazaro Compound,
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Local 1625/1626/1627
DOH Website: www.doh.gov.ph

13 April 2004

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID
PRINTING OF VARIOUS IEC MATERIALS
IFB NO. 2004-5-3 (6)

1. The Department of Health (DOH), through the account of the National Center for Health Promotion Funds (A.III c.3) out of the allotment for MOOE (781), intends to apply the sum of *Two Million Four Hundred Sixty Thousand Philippine Pesos (PhP2,460,000.00)*, for the *Printing of Various IEC Materials* for the use of the Degenerative Disease Office (DDO), National Center for Disease Prevention and Control (NCDPC).
2. The DOH now invites sealed Bids from all interested Bidders to participate for the following Printing of Various IEC Materials. Delivery of the aforesaid goods shall be on or before 18 May 2004.

Item No.	Qty.	Unit	Description
1.	6,000	Copies	Manual of Operations of the Philippine Registry for Disabled Persons, 7" x 10"
2.	4,200,000	Sheets	Personal Information Sheets, 8-1/2 x 13 inches

3. Eligibility of prospective Bidders to participate will be based on compliance to eligibility requirements, using pass/fail non-discretionary criteria, as specified in the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of Republic Act No 9184 (RA 9184), *The Government Procurement Reform Act (GPRA)*, and is open to all organizations with at least sixty (60%) percent interest belonging to citizens of the Philippines. The process for eligibility check is described in Clause 12 Section II of the Instructions to Bidders. In accordance with the IRR of RA 9184, only those Bids from Bidders who pass the eligibility check shall be opened and the Purchase Order (PO) awarded to the Bidder with the Lowest Calculated Responsive Bid, provided the Bidder concerned passes the post qualification process.
4. Interested Bidders who wish to inspect the Bidding Documents and obtain further information should contact the Procurement Division, 2nd Floor, Bldg. No. 6, Department of Health, San Lazaro Compound, Sta. Cruz, Manila, Telephone No 743-83-01 Local 1625, 1626 and 1627, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Mondays to Fridays. A complete set of the aforesaid documents may be purchased by interested Bidders, from April 19 to 30, 2004, upon submission of a Letter of Intent (LOI) to the following address:

   ALEXANDER A. PADILLA
   Undersecretary of Health and Chairperson
   Central Office Bids and Awards Committee
   Department of Health
   San Lazaro Compound, Sta. Cruz
   Manila

   and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Two Thousand Philippine Pesos (PhP 2,000.00). Payment shall be strictly on a cash basis.
5. The DOH will hold a Pre-Bid Conference open to all interested parties, on **April 21, 2004** at 9:00 a.m. at the Central Office Bids and Awards Committee (COBAC) Conference Room, G/F, Bldg. 6, San Lazaro Compound, Sta. Cruz, Manila.
6. Bids must be delivered to the above addressed not later than 9:00 a.m., on **May 3, 2004**, at the COBAC Conference Room. All Bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security in an amount at least equal to and not lower than, a percentage of the approved budget, in any of the following forms/terms:
   a) Cash, Certified Check, Cashier's/Manager's Check, or Bank Draft — One Percent (1%)
   b) Bank Guarantee — One & A Half Percent (1-1/2%)
7. The DOH reserves the right to accept or reject any Bid and to annul the bidding process and reject all Bids at any time prior to issuance of Purchase Order (PO) without thereby incurring any liability to the affected Bidder or Bidders.

(Sgd) **ALEXANDER A. PADILLA**
Undersecretary of Health and Chairperson

(PDI – April 18 & 25, 2004)

Philippine Amusement & Gaming Corporation
Responding Through Responsible Gaming

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID
ITB NO.: 04-25-2004

The Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation (PAGCOR) is inviting all interested bidders in its forthcoming public bidding for the project stated hereunder:

Project : Supply and Delivery
: 175 units Branded Desktop Personal Computers

Approved Budget : Twelve Million Two Hundred Fifty Thousand & 00/100 Pesos (P12,250,000.00)

Source of Funds : Internally Funded

Only suppliers duly registered with PAGCOR may be allowed to participate in the bidding. Unregistered suppliers must register at the Suppliers Registration & Evaluation Section (SRES), Procurement & Property Department (PPD), 2nd Floor PAGCOR House, 1330 Roxas Blvd., Ermita, Manila, Tel. No. 526-0573.

The detailed project particulars and instructions to bidders are discussed in the Bid Documents available for issuance from April 16, 2004 to May 10, 2004 at the BAC Secretariat Unit, PPD-Corporate upon payment of a non-refundable fee of One Thousand Pesos (Php 1,000.00). In order to secure the documents, bidders should present the Official Receipt issued by our Cashier to the BAC Secretary handling the project.

Pre-Bid Conference : April 27, 2004 (2:00 pm)
Submission of Bids : May 11, 2004 (10:00 am)
Opening of Bids : May 11, 2004 (10:00 am onwards)

PAGCOR has the right to disqualify any prospective bidder if found that they have submitted falsified documents and/or information, and the right to accept or reject any or all bids, to annul the bidding process, to waive any defects or formalities found therein and to accept such bid or a part thereof as may be deemed most advantageous to PAGCOR, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected bidder or bidders.

PAGCOR reserves the right to reject any and all bids, declare a failure of bidding, or not award the contract if there is *prima facie* evidence of collusion between appropriate public officers or employees of the agency, or between the BAC and any of the bidders, or if the collusion is between or among the bidders themselves, or between a bidder and a third party, including any act which restricts, suppresses or nullifies or tends to restrict, suppress or nullify competition, or if the BAC is found to have failed to follow the prescribed bidding procedures, or for any justifiable and reasonable ground where the award of the contract will not redound to the benefit of the government (R.A. 9184, Sec. 41).

Please address all communications to the BAC Secretariat Unit, Procurement & Property Department.

(Sgd.) **RENE C. FIGUEROA**
Chairperson, BAC 2

(PDI--April 18 & 25, 2004)

Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas
Maynila, Pilipinas

BIDS AND AWARDS COMMITTEE

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

The Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) invites eligible consultants to indicate their interest in providing services to undertake a risk-based analysis of all BSP properties except paintings, antiquities and artworks, and advise BSP on the need for re-appraisal of its properties and on the appropriate perils and basis of insurance coverage.

Interested consultants must comply with the following qualifications:

1. Must have knowledge of insurance law;
2. Must have knowledge on Government Service Insurance System (GSIS) property insurance operations;
3. Must have at least five (5) years experience in the management or regulation of property insurers or five (5) years practicing experience as an underwriter or an equivalent experience; and
4. Must not have been employed by the GSIS for the last twelve (12) months.

Documents to prove compliance with the above requirements shall be submitted to the Bids and Awards Committee thru the BAC Secretariat, Room 212, 2nd Floor, 5-Storey Building, A. Mabini, Malate, Manila on or before 29 April 2004.

For more information, please call the BAC Secretariat at telephone nos. 525-24-93 / 536-59-85.

The BSP assumes no obligation to compensate or indemnify the bidders for expenses incurred in the preparation of the required documents/bids.

The BSP reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, or not award the contract, and makes no assurance that a contract shall be entered into as a result of this invitation.

(Sgd.) **WILFREDO B. DOMO-ONG**
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1. 1-B, Villa Nautica* / FA – 60	1,700,000
* Includes Club Share	
CEBU CITY (Banilad)	**MIN BID**
2. Lot/Lots 20 & 6-D Paseo Annette, Ma. Luisa Estate Park Subd / T L A - 1,158	4,200,000
PAGADIAN CITY (Linenza)	**MIN BID**
3. Lot-194-B-2-1-8-C-9(A)/LA-246	105,000
4. Lot-194-B-2-1-8-C-9(B)/LA-312	128,000
5. Lot-194-B-2-1-8-C-9(C) / LA2,322	928,000
ILOILO	**MIN BID**
6. Agri. Lot / Lot-B, Barrio Pantalan,Anilao/LA-177,839	5,291,000
BACOLOD CITY	**MIN BID**
La Herencia Negrense Subd, Mandalagan, Bacolod City	
7. Inner Lot /L-3 Blk-5/LA-495	614,000
8 Inner Lot /L-2&5 B-6/TLA-585	726,000
9. Inner Lot /L-11 B-12/LA-655	813,000
10.Inner Lot /L-29 B-27/LA-435	540,000
11.Inner Lot /L-31 B-27/LA-413	513,000
12.Inner Lot /L-32 B-27/LA-350	434,000
13.Corner Lot/L-33 B-27/LA583	793,000
14.Corner Lot/L-2 B-31/LA-601	818,000
15.Corner Lot/L-13 B-31/LA689	938,000
16.Corner Lot/L-28 B-28/LA675	919,000
Bacolod Bel-Air Subd. Tangub	
17.Lot / L843-A B3 LA -167,375	31,592 000
ILIGAN CITY	**MIN BID**
18 L-1 B-13,Camague/LA-5,162	1,216,000
BUKIDNON (Lingi-on, Manolo Fortich)	**MIN BID**
19 Agri /Lot-530/LA-105,201	605,000
20. Agri /Lot-528 /LA-86,159	496,000
21. Agri/Lot-520/Net LA82 022	472 000
CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY	**MIN BID**
22 Agri Lot/L3070, Barrio Canitoan / LA 50,076	2,350,000
ZAMBOANGA CITY	**MIN BID**
23 Lot / Bldg /Lots-1583-A-1 & A2, Sct. AM Limbaga Rd Pasonanca Total L A -1,415/FA-271	3,200,000
TAGUM CITY	**MIN BID**
24. Res'l Lot / Lot 6, 2nd Ave cor. Marvina/ L A- 1 500 (w/occupants)	9,544,000
DAVAO CITY	**MIN BID**
25 H & L / L-19 Blk-9/# 36 San Vicente Skyline Subd., Catalunan Grande. LA-320/FA-141	1,473,000
26 Lot-11-C-6-C, McLeod thru De Guzman St, Toril.LA-719 (w/ occupant)	916,000

RESIDENTIAL / AGRICULTURAL

DAVAO CITY	MIN BID
Int. Brgy. Ma-a, Talomo	
27 Agri./Lot-410-E-1 /LA-12,000	6,278,000
28 Agri./Lot-410-E-2 /LA-12,000	6,278,000
29 Agri /Lot-410-E-3 /LA-12,059	6,309,000
30.Agri./Lot-410-E-4 /LA-12,000	6,278,000

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31 Indl Lot w/ Whse/L-570-A A & 578-B-2 G. Ouano, Looc TLA-2,894/FA-1,838	16,280,000
32. Comml /Indl Lot w/ Bldg. & Offc,Lot-75-F,A S Fortuna Banilad LA2,960/TFA1,468	32,041,000
CEBU CITY	**MIN BID**
33 Comml /Ind'l. Lot w/ Bldg Offc./L4759,4761,4768, 8279-A,Cebu South Rd Basak Pardo. LA-6,210 / TFA-4,685	30,000,000
34. Comml Lot w/ 6 sty. Bldg /L7624-C -1-B & 7624-C-3,Colon Pahina Central Sambag LA-660 70/TFA-2,797	41,803,000
CEBU PORT AREA	**MIN BID**
35 Lot 3 Cabahug St / LA-1,100	9,900,000
CAGAYAN DE ORO	**MIN BID**
36 Lots w/ Bldg /Lots-1138-B & 1148-A-2, J. Pacana, Puntod Port Area/TLA-587	3,500,000
MISAMIS ORIENTAL	**MIN BID**
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DAVAO CITY	**MIN BID**
38 Lot / Lot-552-K-2-C-3, Nat'l H-way cor. C. Lizada Drive, Lanang / L.A. - 890	7,450,000
39. Lot / Lots 1-L-3-B-2, 1-L-3-D-2-C & 1-L-3-D-1-D, P. Bangoy / T L A. - 1,976	28,847,000
40 Lot /Lots 1-L-3-H-3-B-1 & 1-L-3-H-3-B-2,J.Luna/TLA-544	4,236,000
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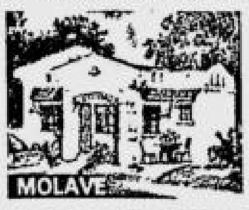
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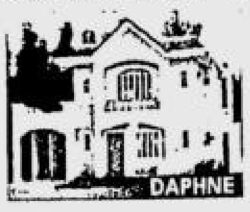
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L A 153 sqm
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L A 385 sqm
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L A 254 sqm
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UCPB 63 - RSDL LOT
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UCPB 64 - RSDL LOT
L A 2 315 sqm
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UCPB 65 - RSDL LOT
L A 324 sqm
L859 B7 378 Opel St
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UCPB 66 - RSDL LOT
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UCPB 67 - RSDL LOT
L A 1,628 sqm
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UCPB 68 - RSDL LOT
L A 297 sqm
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L A 180 sqm
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L A 347 sqm
L20 B27 Along Assumption Road Area C
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L A 50 sqm
L14 B13 Ayuyut Subdivision
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L A 100 sqm
L2 B15 Ayuyut Subdivision
Bgy Binang 2nd Turo Bocaue
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UCPB 74 - RSDL LOT
L A 126 sqm
L1 B1 Ayuyut Subdivision
Bgy Binang 2nd Turo Bocaue
Minimum Bid Price P419,635 97

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UCPB 75 - RSDL LOT
L A 534 sqm
L172 B54 Manila Southwoods Carmona
Minimum Bid Price P2 670,000 00

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L A 548 sqm
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Minimum Bid Price P2 740,000 00

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L A 801 sqm
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L A 1 000sqm
L13 B12 Rodeo Country Estate Subdivision
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L A 925 sqm
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L A 1,000 sqm
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UCPB 82 - RSDL LOT
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L A 615 sqm
L37 B1 Manila Southwood St Cabilang Baybay
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UCPB 84 - RSDL LOT
L A 704 sqm
B 120 Along Puentes & Do Guille Streets,
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L A 1,940 sqm
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L1 B2 San Jose Vil Phase 4-C
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L A 126 sqm
L2 B7 San Jose Vil Phase 4-C
Minimum Bid Price P820 000 00

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L A 136 sqm
L 18 B7 San Jose Vil Phase 4 -C
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UCPB 90 - RSDL LOT
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L A 528 sqm
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L A 300 sqm
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UCPB 93 - RSDL LOT
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L1 & L2 B 3 Adelina Compound Sta Clara Norte
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L A 985 sqm
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L A 300 sqm
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L A 258 sqm
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L A 256 sqm
Along S Brucal Avenue Green Valley Subd
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UCPB 103 - HOUSE & LOT
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L13 B 19 Sta Rosa Vil Phase 4-A Don Jose
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L A 125 sqm
L3 B 18 Sta Rosa Vil Phase 4-A Don Jose
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L4 B18 Sta Rosa Vil Phase 4-A Don Jose
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UCPB 104 - HOUSE & LOT
L A 138 sqm F A 70
L 3 B 6 Sta Rosa Vil Phase 4-A Don Jose
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UCPB 108 - COMML LOT
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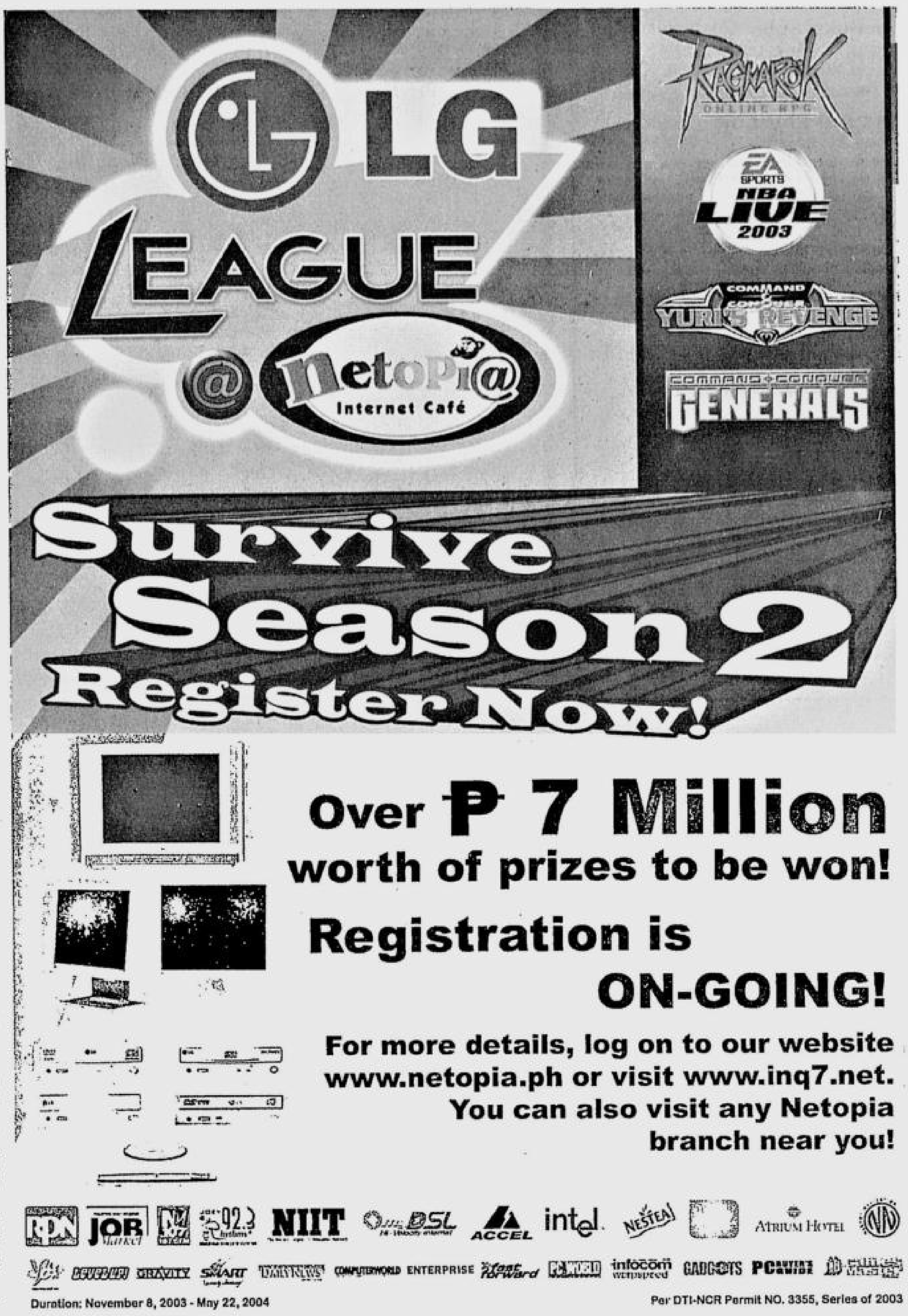

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	ACTIVITIES	DATE	TIME
1.	Issuance of Invitation to Offer and Tender Forms	April 16-20, 2004	8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
2.	Pre SMDP Conference	April21, 2004	10:00 AM
3.	SMDP Proper	April 21, 2004	2:00 PM

In case of SMDP failure or if some stocks will not be sold, another SMDP shall be conducted on **April 28, 2004** and every Wednesday thereafter at the same time and venue until all the stocks are sold.

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*Peacefully passed away
on April 16, 2004 at the age of 86.*

She is a retired pharmacist of the Baguio General Hospital; wife to **Col. Geminiano O. Aguila** (†); mother to **Gloria** and **Manuel Pacis**, **Lito** and **Estrellita** (†) **Aguila**, **Josephine** and **Rafael Galvez**, **Arthur** and **Solaida Aguila**, **Luz** and **Peter Paul Bautista**, and **Grace Aguila**; grandmother to **David** and **Cai** and **Cristina**; **Kathy** and **Roy**, **Lyle** and **Samantha**; **Rica** and **Axl**, **Pia** and **Joel**; **Jevis**, **Tanya** and **Jan Arthur**; **Carlo** and **Jenny**, **Angelo** and **Aliza** and **Paolo**; great grandmother to **Nicholas**, **Migui** and **Andrei**; sister to **Maria F. Masilungan**, **Aurelia**, **Antonio**, **Alberto** (†), **Jose** (†), **Gabriel** (†), **Salvador** (†); **Juan** (†), **Perfecta F. Magsaysay** (†), **Josefina F. Reyes** (†), **Herminia F. Lesaca** (†), **Resureccion** (†) and **Salvador** (†).

Her remains lie in state at Mount Carmel Shrine, New Manila, Quezon City.

Cremation and interment will follow the 7:30 a.m. Mass on Wednesday, April 21, 2004.

"I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me shall live, even though he dies; and whoever believes in Me shall never die."
John 11:25-26

KAULAYAO
VIRATA FAYLONA

Peacefully joined our Lord on 16 April 2004.

His wife **Angela**; children **Romeo** and **Lourdes**, **Donato** and **Christina**, **Hector** and **Doris**, **Arturo** and **Consuelo**, grandchildren **Mylo**, **Fr. Joey**, **Donna**, **Chuckie**, **Baba**, **Paolo**, **Camille**, **Raffy**, **Carlo**, **Rissa** and **Erica**, brothers and sisters, **Luningning** and **Feliciano** (†), **Bayani** (†) and **Yolanda**, **Rizal** (†), **Jose** and **Nelly**, **Benjamin**, **Amor** and **Rodrigo**, **Norma** (†) and **Conrado**, relatives and friends request your prayers for his eternal reunion with our Lord.

His remains lie in state at the Mt. Carmel Church, New Manila, Quezon City.

Funeral Mass will be held on Tuesday, April 20, 2004 at 2:00 p.m. at Mt. Carmel Church. Cremation will follow after the Mass.

It is Only God who can give us the assurance from conception to resurrection. Our dearly beloved Primo has made a covenant with God by the life he had lived.

PRIMO T. SANTOS

(August 18, 1941 – April 15, 2004)

Primo has gone to his God. He leaves behind wife **Nona**, children **Allan** & **Aileen**, daughter-in-law **Joji**, grandchild **Jopri**; brothers **Francis**, **Ely**, **Keith**, **Moises** & **Ben**; sister **Soling**; sisters-in-law **Lydia**, **Mameng**, **Leonie** & **Sally**.

His remains lie in state at the Luna Chapel, La Funeraria Paz-Sucat (inside Manila Memorial Park) Parañaque City.

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*"One thing I ask of the Lord; This I seek:
To dwell in the Lord's house all the days of my life."*
– Psalm 27:4

We love and miss you, **MOMMY**. Your constant and loving presence in our lives has shaped us and made us the persons we are. Thank you for your wisdom, your patience and care, your loving guidance, thoughtfulness and concern. We go through life with you in our hearts. You continue to be our strength, our hope and inspiration.

Your loving husband, **Justice Bernardo P. Abesamis**

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Sta. Maria dela Strada Katipunan Ave., Quezon City	6:00 A.M.
Holy Family Parish Provident Village, Marikina City	7:00 P.M.
Sta. Rosa de Lima Parish Church Bagong Ilog, Pasig City	6:00 P.M.
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ROSALINA RODIL LISCANO

Passed away in the Grace of our Lord
on April 14, 2004 at the age of 70.

Her bereaved husband **Graciano I. Liscano**; children **Pol** and **Annie**, **Vic** and **Malou**, **Don** and **Marissa**, **Janet & Tony Hizon**; and **Orty** and **Au**; grandchildren **Joy**, **Jeff**, **Katrina**, **Michelle**, **Jeric**, **Franco**, **Soan**, **Joel**, **Marianne**, **Melaine**, **Anjo**, **Bea** and **Jasm** request for prayers for the eternal repose of her soul.

Her body lies in state at Arlington East, The Garden Chapels,
C. Raymundo St., San Miguel, Pasig City.
Necrological services will be at 8:00 p.m. on April 19, 2004.

Interment will be on April 20, 2004 at Evergreen Memorial Garden after the 8:00 a.m. mass at Arlington Chapel.

PURIFICACION R. SANCHEZ

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"I AM THE WAY, THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE, NO ONE COMES TO THE FATHER BUT THROUGH ME, JESUS CHRIST"

February 2, 1920 – April 16, 2004

Peacefully joined his creator on April 16, 2004 at the age of 84. She will be missed by her sisters and brother, **Gely †**, **Popong †**, **Mine**, **Belen †**, **Tita †**, **Agusto**; sister-in-law, **Ising**; brother-in-law, **Tarking**; nephews, nieces, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, relatives and friends request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of her soul.

Her remains lie in state at the Dulce Memorial Chapels, Jasper Chapel, 2nd Floor, 2926 Jose Abad Santos Ave., Manuguit, Manila.

Interment will be on Tuesday,1:00 p.m., April 20, 2004 at Himlayang Pilipino Memorial Park, Tandang Sora, Quezon City.

> **"...absent with the body to be present with the Lord."**
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> — 2 Corinthians 5:8

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"Earthday Jam 2004" on April 23

EARTHDAY JAM, the yearly musical tribute to Mother Earth as organized by Dimitri Productions takes place on April 23, 2004. Artists who have made a niche in the music scene and have gallantly stood out to express their support in the advocacy headline this year's celebration. Watch out for an evening of music jams from acoustic guru Paolo Santos, young singer Karylle, folk artist Noel Cabangon, R & B heartthrob Jay R, pop r & b band South Border, pop rock exponent Lou Bonnevie, new wave/OPM group Trut Faith, world music & ethnic exponent Pinikpikan, extraordinaire vocal group The Company, pop folk trio Barbie's Cradle, ska & reggae band Brownbeat All Start, comedy impersonator Jon Santos, premier instrumentalist Jong Cuenco, environment philanthropist turned singer Chin Chin Gutierrez, upcoming Jazz artist Mishka among others. KC Montero with Chiqui Roa and Lou Bonnevie will host the event. Various personalities from the movies, theater and environmental organizations are also expected to grace the event to will give insights on "Water Preservation" as it is the global theme of this years' Earth day movement.

The event will be directed for television by noted actor/director Joel Torre, it is a special project of DIMITRI PRODUCTIONS in association with the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, The Local Government of Quezon City with support from The Department of Tourism and the National Solid Waste Management Commission. Participating Sponsors are Nestle Philippines, Cemex Philippines, Unilever Philippines (makers of Close-up) with support from the Tomas Morato Business Club, Manila Water Company and Compass Internet. Media Partners include MTV Philippines (the Official music channel) and the Philippine Daily Inquirer. Radio connections include RX 93.1, Magic 89.9, Jam 88.3, K-Lite 103.5, 99.5 RT & 97.1 LS FM.

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of

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April 18, 1995

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SANCTUARIO DE SAN ANTONIO Forbes Park	6:30 a.m./ 430 p.m.	**ST. JOHN BOSCO PARISH** Pasay Road, Makati City	7:00 p.m.
BACLARAN REDEMPTORIST CHURCH Parañaque	5:30 a.m.	**IMMACULATE CONCEPCION CHAPEL** Quezon City	6:00 p.m.
ST. ANDREW THE APOSTLE PARISH Reposo Makati	6:30 a.m.	**ASSUMPTION PARISH** Leveriza, Manila	6:15 p.m.
STA. CRUZ CHURCH Sta. Cruz, Manila	1:00 p.m.	**HARRISON PLAZA CHAPEL** Malate, Manila	5:30 p.m.
SANCTUARIO DE SAN JOSE Greenhills, Mandaluyong	6:15 a.m.	**OUR LADY OF SORROW** F.B. Harrison, Pasay City	6:00 p.m.
SAN VICENTE DE PAUL CHURCH San Marcelino, Manila	12:00 n.n.	**ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH** Quiapo, Manila	6:00 a.m.
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Her family kindly requests all readers to remember her in their prayers.

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Vinegar now a drink, courtesy of native bees

By Mei Magsino
PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

INDANG, Cavite—The vinegar is now a juice drink, courtesy of the native bees.

Last year, Vie and Basil Reyes of Bote Central Inc., the company that developed the world's first and only sugar palm vinegar, was on the move to save the endangered alamid (palm civets), musang and cloud rats that naturally propagate the kaong tree (Arengga pinnata) where they get the kaong vinegar known here as "sukang irok."

Now, they have added the native bee to their list, as they use its honey to flavor their vinegar. They went a step further and turned the vinegar into a refreshing juice drink.

With the new honey-flavored arengga comes the drive to save the laywan (Apis cerana), or the native bees endemic to the Philippines, the source of the natural honey that sweetens the kaong vinegar.

"We mixed the arengga vinegar with the honey from the apis cerana bees that, like the arengga, propagates in the wild," Vie said, "We didn't use the honey from the imported bees because we want our honey to be as natural and as native as the vinegar."

The bees desperately need saving. They are victims of people who harvest their honey the wrong way: by killing them and destroying their hives.

Arengga pinnata's conservation arm Happy Earth, a local nongovernment organization, has been helping in the drive to save the endangered bees.

Native bees

Basil said their study of the native laywan or apis cerana bees proved that the Philippines' native bees are better than the imported ones.

"This is the difference: the native bees clean themselves of the mites that infest them. They are so much like us, Filipinos, who always like to clean ourselves. They are so much different from the imported bees that don't clean the mites and die," he said.

To get rid of the mites, the keeper of the imported bees has to spray insecticide on them," he added, "that makes the honey of the imported bees not 100-percent natural."

Basil noted that since the native bees produce ten times less honey than the imported ones, more beekeepers prefer the Australian or the American bees.

"The problem with the native bees is that they don't store much honey because they don't have to save for the winter," he explained.

With their study on hand, the couple searched and found beekeepers in Balete, Batangas who know how to harvest the native honey without resorting to killing the bees or driving them away.

Indicator

Bees are also a very important part of the vinegar making as they pollinate the arengga flowers. The presence of the bees on the flowering stalks tells the mangangarit (palm tree caretakers) when the flowers are ready for vinegar making.

The mangangarit would then cut the flowering stalk and let the sweet sap of the kaong's flowers drip into a bamboo container called tukil.

Collecting the sap is never easy, as the mangangarit would have to climb the tree as high as seven meters using bamboo poles.

The sap collected in the morning is sweet while that collected in the evening is sour. The sap is then collected and placed into burnay jars to ferment.

The sweet sap is then placed in vitrified tapayans or earthen jars for fermentation. The jars are covered by katsa or cheesecloth to keep it clean and by coconut leaves to keep the temperature low as the vinegar is fermented in the fields.

It is then pasteurized and converted into natural vinegar without adding chemicals or water.

New flavor

Vie said the new flavor of the vinegar is their third blend.

The first is the classic, then the rosemary, and now the honey-flavored vinegar.

"The honey-flavored vinegar has 50-percent honey and 50- percent vinegar," Vie said, "Just mix it with cold water and you will have a refreshing vinegar juice."

The couple has also come out with the vinegar in economy-sized bottles that sell for less than the vinegar in the big frosted bottles.

"The next product is the honey-flavored

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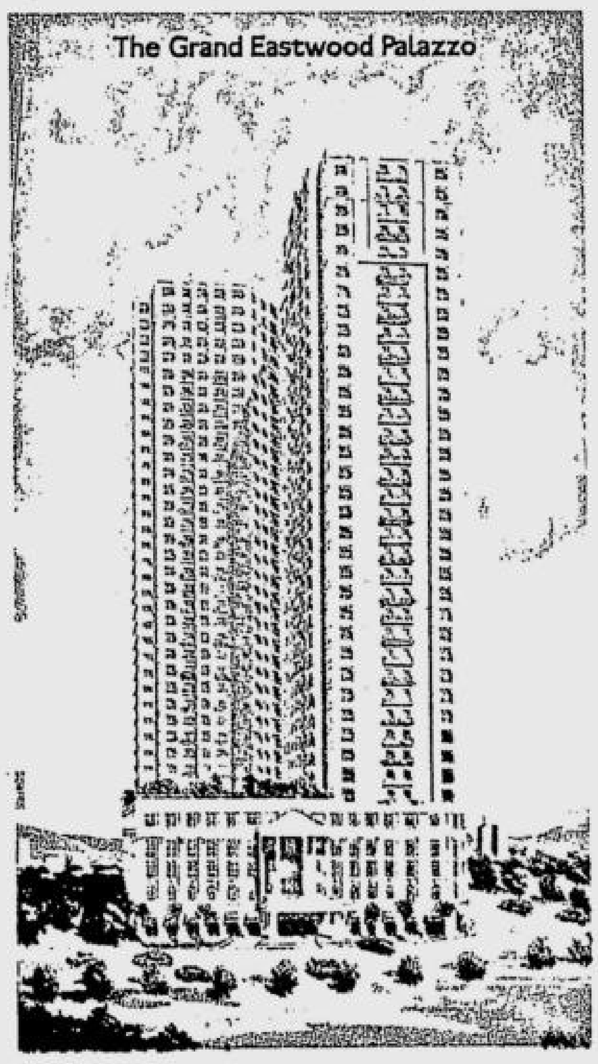

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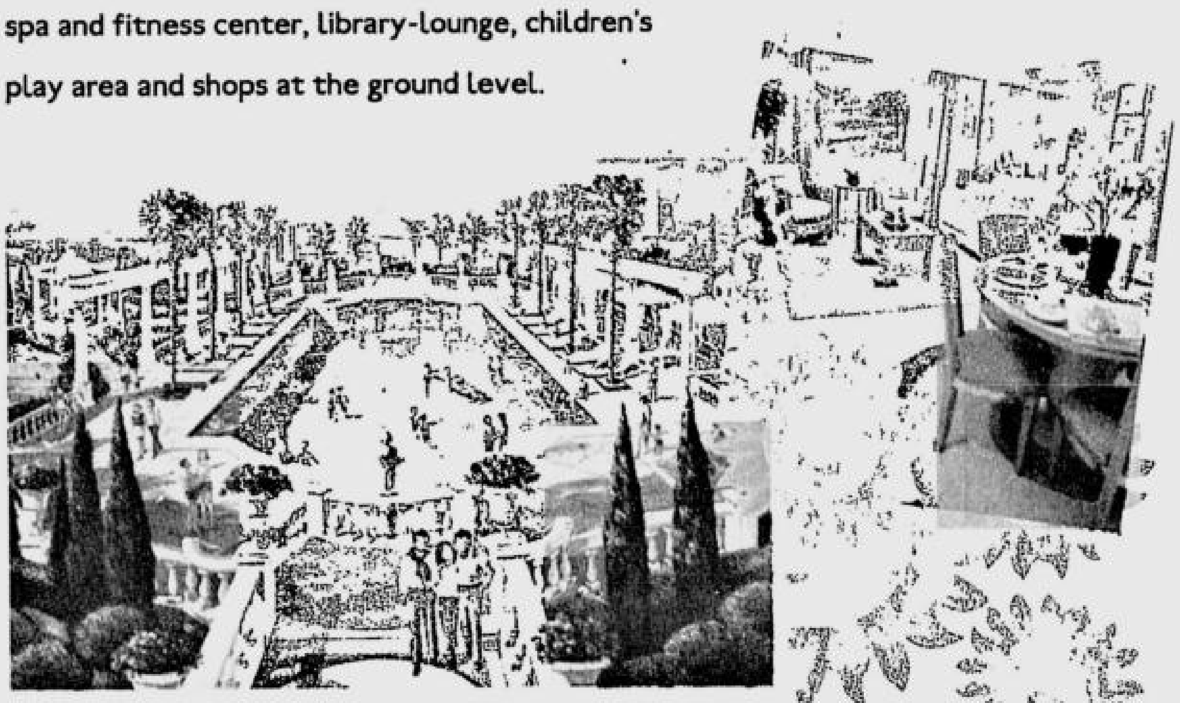

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Marriage out for Joey Marquez

After annulment of his 12-year union to Alma

By Marinel R. Cruz

ACTRESS Alma Moreno was the one who asked for the annulment of her marriage to Joey Marquez. So it is puzzling the actor and Parañaque City mayor why she is appealing the court's decision.

"I don't know what she is going to appeal to the court about," said Marquez.

Their 12-year marriage was declared null and void by the Parañaque Regional Trial Court "on the ground of psychological incapacity of both parties."

Alma reportedly said the court did not give her a chance to file her evidence before handing down its decision. That the decision has tainted her image as a mother and a person is what has the actress supposedly worried.

The court decision, based on the assessment of judicial psychiatrist Cecilia Villegas, said Alma's parents lacked the ability to act as responsible parents causing the actress "to become impluse-ridden associated with ego deficits in planning and judgment, giving rise to primitive or poorly formed conscience or superego responsible for her anti-social behavior."

"In fairness to Ness (Alma's nickname), maybe she is simply questioning several points and not the whole resolution," Marquez told INQUIRER Entertainment during a one-on-one interview at his home in Parañaque City.

He filed the petition for annulment two years ago, alleging that Alma, Vanessa Lacsamana in real life, had an affair with Cebu-based disc jockey, Julian Say.

Traumatized

Marquez has four kids with Alma—Yeoj, Win-Win, VJ and Em-Em.

"I have yet to receive a copy (of the court decision)," said Marquez. "But I've heard of the news. To be perfectly honest, I have mixed emotions. It's 12 years of memories to be deleted."

Because he had been so traumatized by the entire annulment process, Joey is not about to marry another woman soon.

"Not in many years. Right now, my children are my priority. Another marriage might cause conflict in my relationship with my children."

Last September, Joey hogged the headlines after his split with TV host and actress Kris Aquino, his live-in partner for two years. Aquino had accused Marquez of pointing a gun at her during the fight, which led to her walking out of the Essensa condominium unit at the Fort in Taguig City where they lived. She had also accused him on national television of infecting her with a sexually transmitted disease.

"How would you know if someone is the right person to marry? I don't know of anyone who would agree to be a second priority. *Ayaw nila ng ganon*," Marquez said.

"Anybody who competes with my children loses," he said.

Still family

For him, the most traumatic experience was taking the witness stand, "and reliving everything that had happened for the court."

Psychiatrist Villegas conducted a psychological examination on Marquez, and Ruel Ricafort, Moreno's brother-in-law when the actress failed to show up. Villegas said Moreno was invited, but she did not come.

"I didn't feel comfortable doing that," said Marquez. "After all, I'm still the father of my children, Ness is still their mother, and we're still a family.

"That court decision is just a piece of paper, it can get lost or torn. But the relationship will always be there," he said.

He and Alma have since become friends, Marquez claimed.

"We're both busy right now, but we always find time for the kids. When we talk, we talk about what the kids need," he pointed out.

Marquez is running for congressman in Parañaque's second district against former National Security Adviser Roilo Golez. Alma is running for mayor and is up against Pablo Olivares, whose candidacy Marquez is supporting.

Marquez said the events that happened to him during the past years have affected him in such a way that his opponent "uses them as ammunition" against him.

"He talks about my personal life while what people would like to hear from him are the things that he can do for Parañaque," said Marquez.

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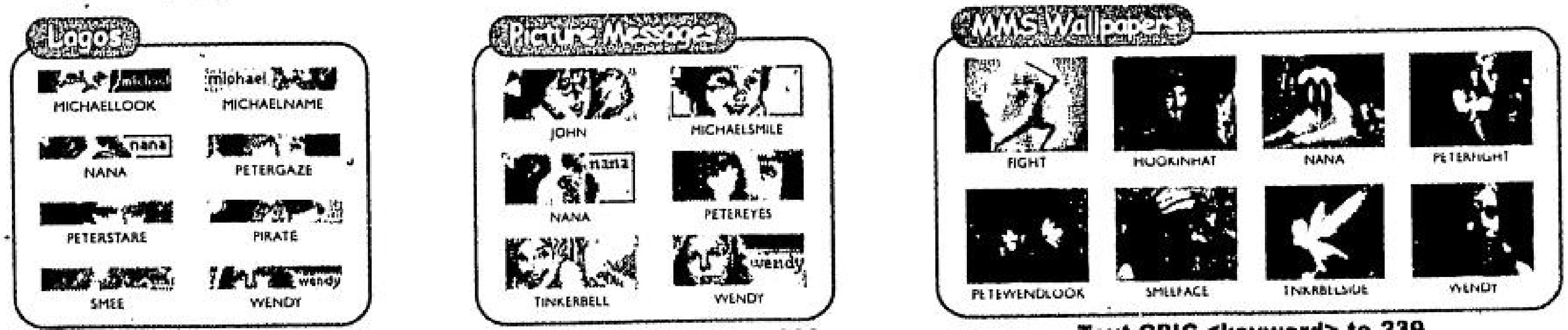

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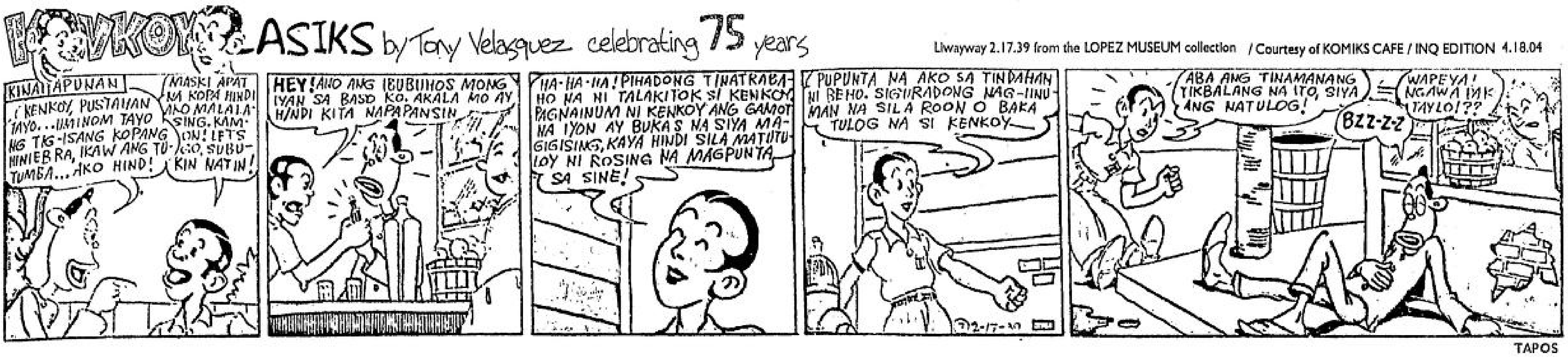
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Alternative film production schemes

VIEWFINDER

Nestor U. Torre

NOW that film production costs are rising, movie people are coming up with alternative schemes to finance their new projects.

Producers have tried the *"pito-pito"* or quickie and low-budget way of making movies. It used to be trendy for a spell but has now ceased to be the production scheme of choice due to lack of enthusiastic patronage from the moviegoing public, which has complained about *pito-pito* flicks' generally poor production values.

Still, a few significant independent movies have been made the *pito-pito* way, so the procedure continues to have some plus factors for quality production that would otherwise not be made.

Unitel's "Crying Ladies" introduced another novel way to finance feature-length movies. The film starred major draws like **Sharon Cuneta**, but the production saved on capital outlay by convincing some of its stars to invest their fees in the project.

Thus, the movie required much less to make than it would otherwise have cost, and the stars were paid after the film started making money at the tills.

If filmmakers can get other bankable stars to agree to this arrangement, more significant movies can be produced, thus raising the level of quality of local films—a consummation most devoutly to be wished!

Currently, there's another movie project that's presenting a third alternative scheme for filmmakers to consider: **Rufa Mae Quinto** is co-producing her current starrer, "Masikip sa Dibdib," with Viva Films.

Not only is Rufa Mae converting her fee into equity, but she has also invested some of her own money in the production, in the hope that it'll turn out to be a hit, so she'll end up making much more than her usual fee.

In addition, a hit would raise the sexy actress' stock in the movie industry, and prompt producers to cast her in their future projects.

Aside from these novel schemes, some directors are going into digital filmmaking. This cuts down shooting costs, thus enabling more people to finance their own movies.

The catch here is, while digital production reduces filming expenses, the conversion of digital images to 35 mm is quite expensive.

Still, some directors are going ahead and shooting their movies digitally, hoping that a producer will like their work and agree to foot the bill for the conversion process.

We support all of these alternative moves because we would like local film productions to increase in number, and most especially in terms of quality.

They could also make it easier for new filmmaking talents to prove their worth, and thus hasten their entry into the mainstream movie industry.

'Digital LG Challenge'

ON "DIGITAL LG Challenge" this Sunday at 9 a.m. on GMA-7, hosts **Paolo Bediones** and **Pia Guanio** grill competing teams from Araullo University and Dr. Arcadio Santos National High School. **Pat Perez** directs.

Final screening

THE FINAL screening day for this year's Bodyshots modeling competition is April 18. The tilt is looking for models aged 13-27 years, with excellent physique, pleasing personality, Filipino lineage and minimum height of 5'10" for men and 5'7" for women.

Venue for screening is the Century Park Hotel-Manila, from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. Call 712-5686.

'Star Wars: Episode 3' release date

THE CIRCLE will finally be complete when "Star Wars: Episode 3" is released worldwide on May 19, 2005. In Japan, the film will be released in July 2005, the traditional month for "Star Wars" premieres.

'Hellboy' premiere

COLUMBIA Pictures' new action-adventure, "Hellboy," will be premiered at SM Megamall on April 19. Directed by **Guillermo del Toro** ("Blade 2") and starring **Ron Perlman**, the film is based on **Mike Mignola**'s popular Dark Horse Comics series.

Despite his dark origins, Hellboy becomes an unlikely champion of good, battling the evil forces that threaten our world.

Other major characters are the telepathic "Mer-Man" played by **Doug Jones**, and the pyro-kinetic Liz Sherman (**Selma Blair**).

"Hellboy" opens here on April 21.

'Bug Attack'

AT 9 P.M. on April 19, the National Geographic Channel screens "Bug Attack," **Phil DeVries**' eye-opening documentary on the dark side of the insect world. Prepare to be surprised!

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Divo, Josh and King score gold record award

SHOW TIME

THE THREE-IN-ONE album "Solo" featuring Divo, Josh and King, is now certified gold with sales of over 15,000 units.

The first of its kind in the local music industry, the album was conceived by Star Records as part of its battle against music piracy.

"Solo" served as the three artists' launch pad. All three are now making a name for themselves.

Divo remains to be the country's pride, having won the best male performer award in the 2003 Shanghai Music Festival.

With his poster-boy good looks, Josh has become a favorite of the young market. He's busy doing special shows and provincial tours, and has recently bagged the Texter's Choice award and Buyer's Choice award for his interpretation of the song "Maibabalik Ko Ba" from the "Himig Handog Love Songs Love the Second Time Around" album.

King is one of the hottest heartthrobs in the music industry today. His single, "Maybe," topped the charts for several weeks. A regular of the top-rating musical variety show "ASAP Mania," King has recently launched his own album, "The Reason I Exist," at the Hard Rock Café on his birthday last April 14. His new single, "Ba't Di Mo Pagbigyan," written by Jimmy Antiporda, is currently enjoying extensive airplay.

The three will receive their gold record award today in "ASAP Mania."

"Solo" is released by Star Records and is available on CDs and cassettes in record stores nationwide.

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Jimmy Bondoc takes his chances

SINGER and songwriter Jimmy Bondoc has been devastated before that he knows it's the fearless who survive.

His entry in the business was a traumatic experience: His debut CD was released when piracy was at its peak and revival was the prevailing trend. His confidence and candor was also interpreted as arrogance that the entertainment press castigated him.

"I spent nights crying, trying to understand what went wrong," he admits. "My self-esteem sank so low that I didn't see the point of writing songs anymore."

But Jimmy has sprang back to life with "Let Me Be the One," which he recorded only at home. The song has since become a hit, vindicating Jimmy.

He wrote more songs and finished the 10-track CD "Musikero," released by BMG Pilipinas.

"I don't know if people will like my music or not," he says. "I'll never know unless I go out there. Whatever it is, I'll take my chances."

Marriage out . . .

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"I simply ignore him. I would never go down to his level. I'm not the type of candidate who would hit on my opponent. That's just not good politics," he said.

Marquez's 24-year-old son, Jeremy, is also running for councilor while his other son, Paolo, 17, is a board member of the Sangguniang Kabataan. Their father said a gradual climb in the political ladder could help his children understand what the city really needs.

Not dirty

"Politics is not dirty per se. What's dirty are the people involved in it. One's position should not be taken as a career but a moral responsibility," he said. "I'm hoping to leave my legacy by what I call the process of continuity.

"What I did when I got elected, I carried on with the projects that my predecessor had left behind. I also created new ones," he explained.

But Marquez refused to disclose what he feels about his ex-wife's capability in continuing the project he started as mayor.

"If I say something positive, I could be viewed as someone who's biased. If I say something negative, people would say that this is because we're not of the same political party," he reasoned.

"I believe that the best person to win as mayor is someone who is principled, experienced and is an independent thinker. He must also be someone who is strong enough to face the consequences of his every action."

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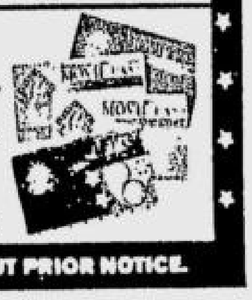

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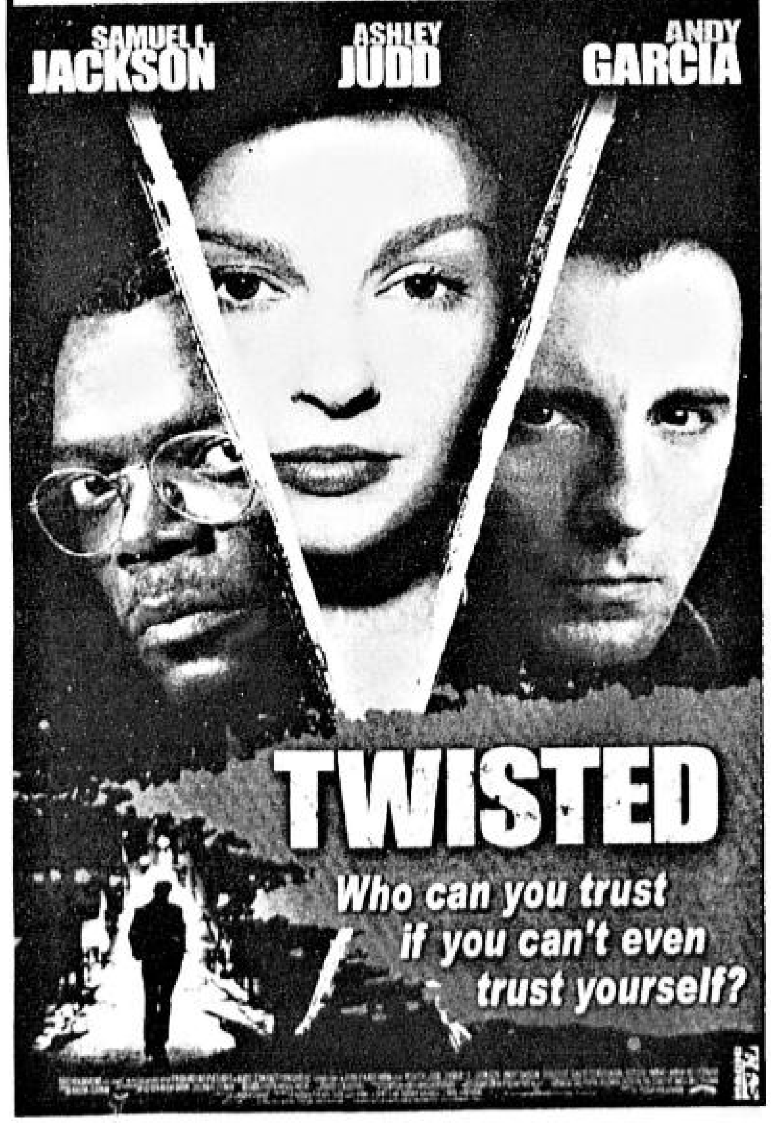

Asian MTV on IBC 13

AN ASIAN twist is given to MTV via Asian Music TV or AM TV, a lifestyle show hooked on and decked with diversified music.

To add to its Asian sense, singer Raymond Steven Shih was tapped to host the show, which premiers today at 10:30 a.m. on IBC 13.

A graduate of Business Management from De La Salle University, Shih has endeared himself to the Filipino-Chinese community, which discovered him. Having his own show is a step forward to the fulfillment of his dream to share his music not only to Filipinos but also to the world. AM TV will showcase Shih's talent in a regular music video segment that also features the music that he likes.

The other segments will have updates of musicians and celebrities behind pop music and pop classics. Original Pilipino Music is also integrated in the format, as well as transnational music that crosses borders and mindsets.

For his first episode, Shih has an array of guests, including an MTV of the 5566. OPM artists and bands like Cookie Chua, Mulatto Band and video bytes from the F4 concert are also in future lineups of this 30-minute show directed by John Feir and Machael Bellosillo.

AM TV will have replays on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday on Destiny and Global Cable.

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CULLUM

World music from Cullum

THE MUSIC of UK native Jamie Cullum covers different genres—jazz, pop, rock, even musicals—but the 23-year-old artist especially loves jazz.

Jamie began playing the piano when he was 11—but he hated to practice and didn't understand music theory. He finally gave up on it after three years.

On Jamie's 13th birthday, his older brother Ben gave him an electric guitar. Within a year Jamie had taught himself to play. He and his brother shared a passion for grunge and heavy metal and they played along with the records of Nirvana, Soundgarden and Van Halen.

Diversified

Soon their musical tastes diversified into Merle Haggard, Oscar Peterson, Miles Davis, The Beatles, and Frank Sinatra. Jamie also began reading Kerouac and Hemingway as well as stories about the lives of musicians in the Fifties on New York's 42nd Street.

At Reading University, Jamie studied film and English literature. He also began composing, and played his own music for the short films he produced as part of his course. He sold 700 copies of his first album of his own music during his performances. The money he made was enough for him to record his second album, "Pointless Nostalgic," which included the song "I Wanna Be a Pop Star," a song that reflected his frustration at seeing wannabes becoming instant stars by riding on their dancing abilities as well as on the backs of other songwriters' material.

Jazzy version

The first album also includes a surprising jazzy version of Radiohead's "High and Dry."

Jamie Cullum now arrives in the world scene with "Twentysomething," his CD debut under Universal Music Philippines. "All at Sea" is the carrier single, written while he was working on a cruise ship.

"Twentysomething" contains a mix of jazz standards, contemporary blues and sad ballads. At the helm of the production was American producer Stewart Levine, a veteran of sessions with Simply Red, BB King, George Benson and David Sanborn.

Some of the standards in the album are all written about 70 years ago but made to sound modern for Jamie's album. Not at all overshadowed are his own compositions, "Twentysomething" and "These Are the Days," which show Jamie as a world-class songwriter as well as an exciting performer.

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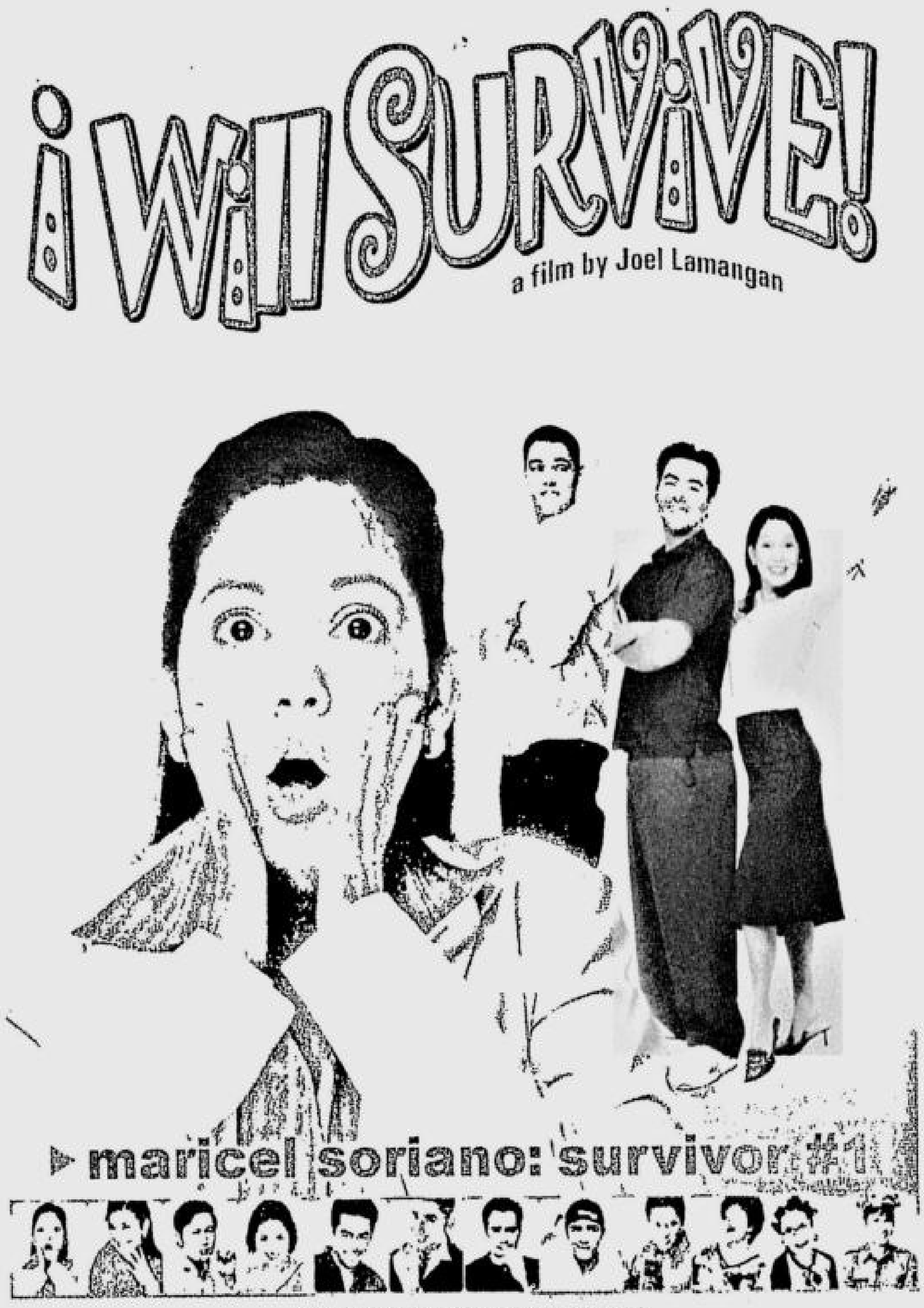

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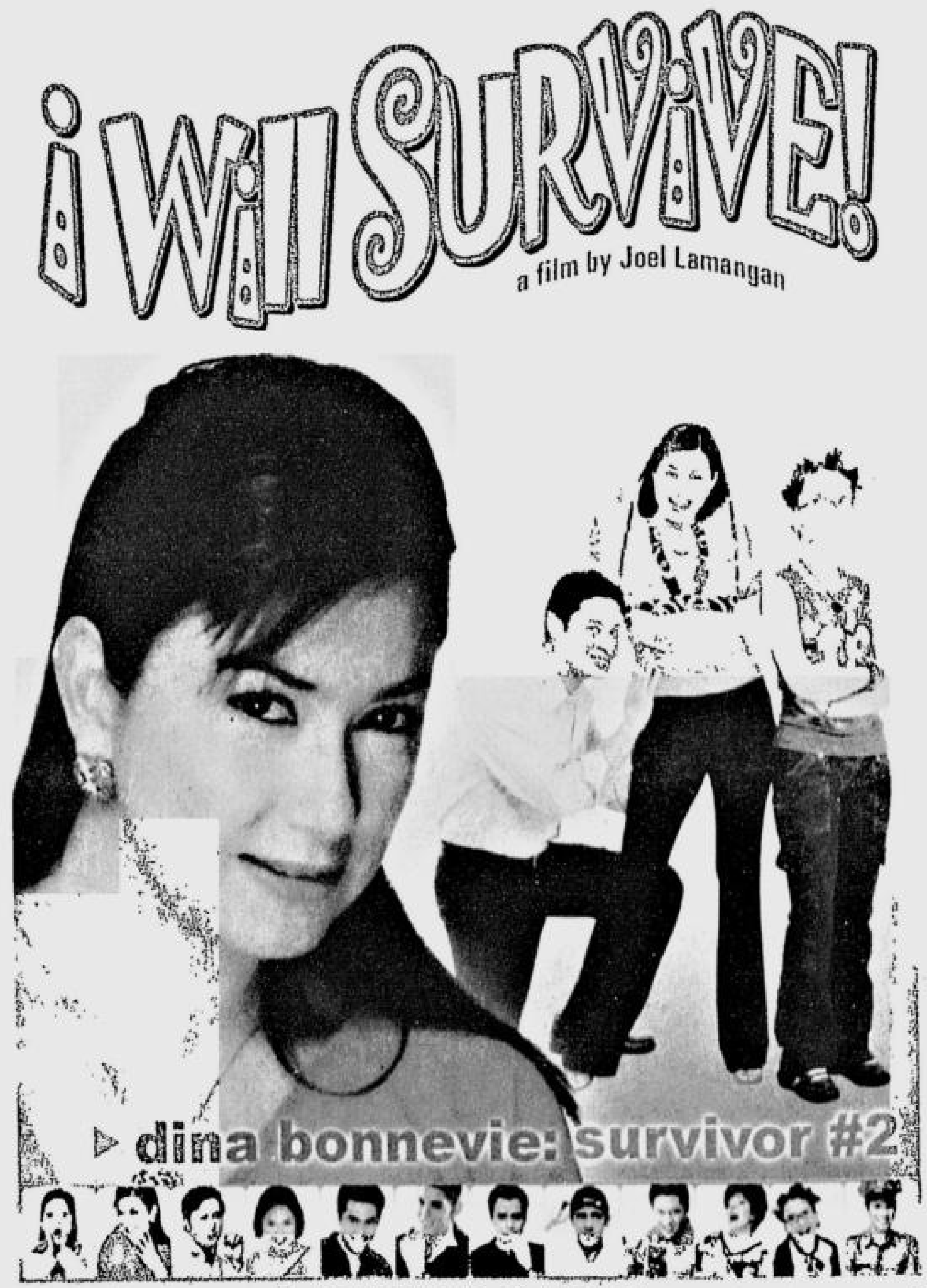

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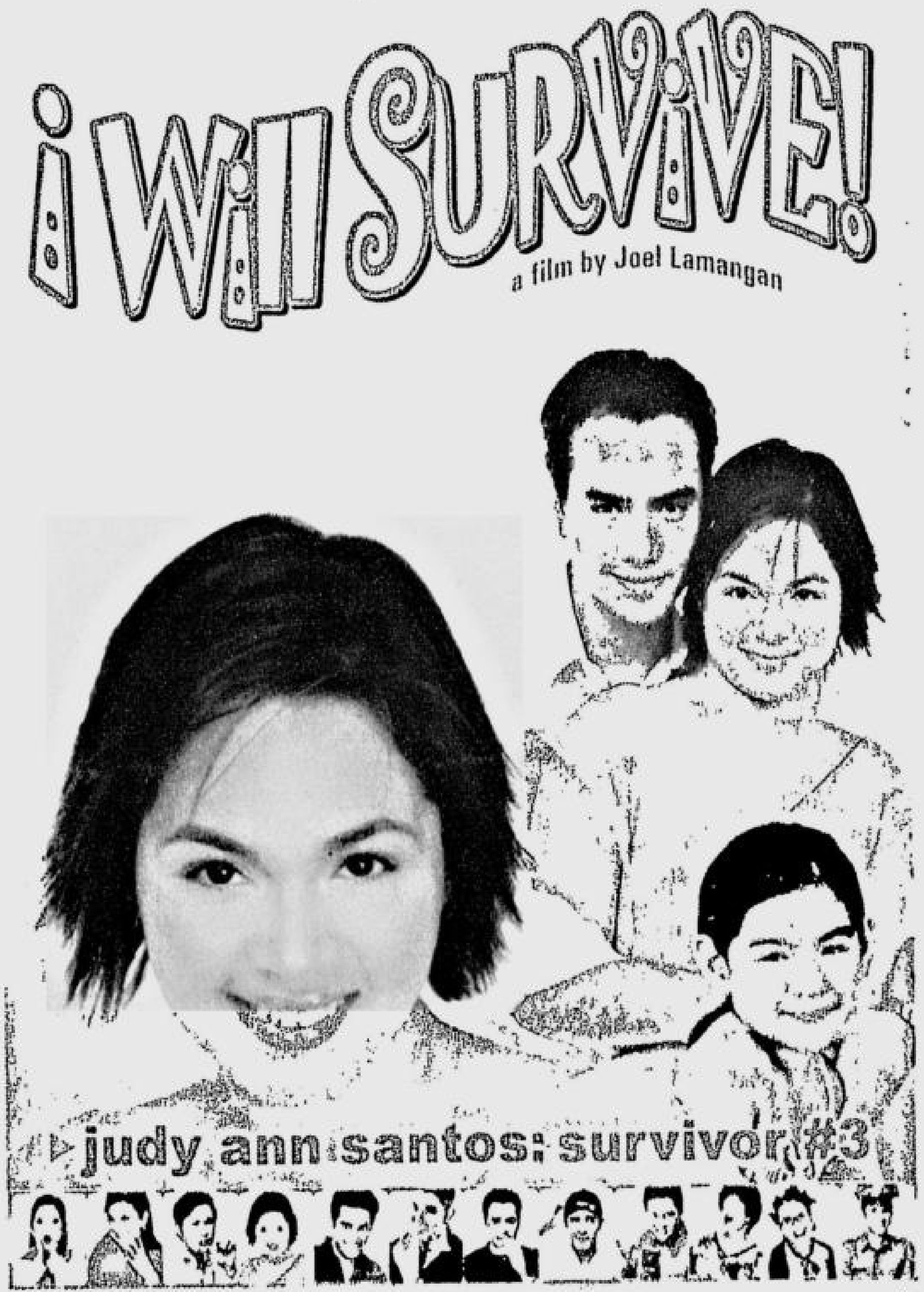

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THREE show-biz personalities earnestly endorsing Bro. Eddie: Coney, Chat and Kuh.

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Coney, Chat, Kuh and Bro. Eddie

JUICE

Jo-Ann Q. Maglipon

KUH Ledesma, **Chat Silayan**, and **Coney Reyes** are everywhere these days spreading the word: Vote **Bro. Eddie** for President!

They do this purposefully, too, they say. As Kuh puts it, "We have the voice. People know us. We have to use that the right way. I think we need to get people fired up about this election because it is a crucial election."

No, they hadn't done much of this in the past. But now they're doing it with a vengeance, and at some cost to themselves.

Coney says that she's not always that healthy, having gone through a number of operations, and joining Bro. Eddie's motorcades, where she stands under the heat and bumps her body against steel rods with every lurch of the vehicle, does take its toll on her. Kuh says that she understands very well that she is risking her career, her job, her place in the industry, every time she speaks out. And Chat says that, like all of them, she does this for no pay.

But they push on because, they say, they have found the man to lead the country.

The point then leads to how they feel about fellow artists campaigning in exchange for money.

"We love them dearly," says Kuh, "and a lot of these people are very close to us. *Pero alam mo, nawawalan talaga ako ng respeto pag ganoon. Masakit, masakit sa puso. Kasi alam mo kung bakit? Kung gagan'un tayo, huwag na tayong magsabi na may prinsipyo tayo. Buti pa, nilantad mo na e: Ako*, I was paid 20 million!"

Coney adds, "*Parang* they're selling their birthright."

Kuh brings up **Sharon Cuneta**, who is married to a senator connected to GMA.

"You know, I'm not that close to Sharon, *ha*? But at least, I respect her! Because *siya, ang laki ng binabayad sa kanya sa* commercial... a ton of money. But she doesn't make a stand for anybody, she will not go into politics because she knows her position. *Kasi nakikita niya 'yong* influence *niya*."

To which they all say, "*Mas irespetuhin mo 'yong ganoon.*"

Why Bro. Eddie?

For Coney, who belongs to the Victory Christian Fellowship, it is because Eddie Villanueva is a man transformed. "I've been with him in HK, Taiwan, *kung saan-saan*, aside *pa 'yong dito sa Pilipinas. Nakita kȯ ang* order and spirit of excellence *na meron siya at ang mga tao* under him. Only a true leader can do that."

She explains: "Did you see on television the rallies we had in Araneta, in Luneta? *Walang hakot dun. Walang nagmimiron. Walang binabayaran...* People bought their own T-shirts, bought their own stickers, streamers, ropes, band, and even *mga* cartolina! And then we really could see them bringing even their babies, hiring jeepneys on their own. Could you see the order? May *mga taong nagsasabi, 'Hay, naku, kung totoong milyon-milyon 'yan, dapat nagkagulo.' 'Yun nga ang kaibahan e. Iba sila.*"

Kuh adds: "A big part of that is obedience to God. So basically, imagine Bro. Eddie as our President. And you know, the Christians... *hindi na sila kailangang dalawang sabi pa e. Kapag sinabi ni* Bro. Eddie *na, 'O dapat ganito na,'* right away *'yan. Kami*, as Christians we follow God, the laws of God, *pero sinasabi rin Niya na sundin din ninyo kung ano 'yung* laws of the nation."

Kuh, a member of Greenhills Christian Fellowship, is in awe: "Can you imagine 25 years? He spent 25 years of his life putting up these JIL churches that are now all over the world in 33 countries. So that alone for us, *parang, 'Hayop itong mamang ito, ang galing nito,' ganoon. Bilib kami sa kanya*, even before."

Says she with finality: "He's the righteous leader we're looking for, that we've been praying for."

'God and country'

Chat Silayan, who goes to the Alabang New Life Christian Center, says, "*Kung may pagmamahal ka sa Diyos, may pagmamahal ka sa bayan.*"

She relates: "In 1998, when my brother-in-law Jun Simon ran, I was campaigning in Talayan Village and all the squatter areas in Quezon City. I was a Christian then, and I was so saddened. *N'ung* Saturday, we were in Tondo, **Dolphy Jr.** and I... It's been more than ten years. It's worse! Nothing has changed! And yet some of the people are for FPJ. You know sometimes, you cannot blame them. But the thing is *nakakaawa na walang pagbabago* all these years despite how many elections took place already... Nobody cares for them. *Ito bang mga nanalong ito, pumunta ba sila sa loob? Nakikain ba sila? Wala e.*"

They are aware of the country's problems, the three women say. And they are aware of what the country can become.

Coney tells: "God has a special plan for this nation. There are many prophecies that this is going to be the America of Asia. And I believe that. Now it's up to the people who trust in God, who look to God, to do something about it."

In that light, Kuh concludes, it is important to have Bro. Eddie as President.

"*Ang* will *ng Panginoon kasi*," she says, "is to have a righteous leader. *Ngayon, sinasabi ni* Lord, *'Pag nilagay mo ang* righteous leader *diyan*, then I will move into the country and bless it.' *Kahit sabihin mo pa na sa putik ka pumunta, sinabi ni* Lord, *'Basta ako bahala sa iyo.*'"

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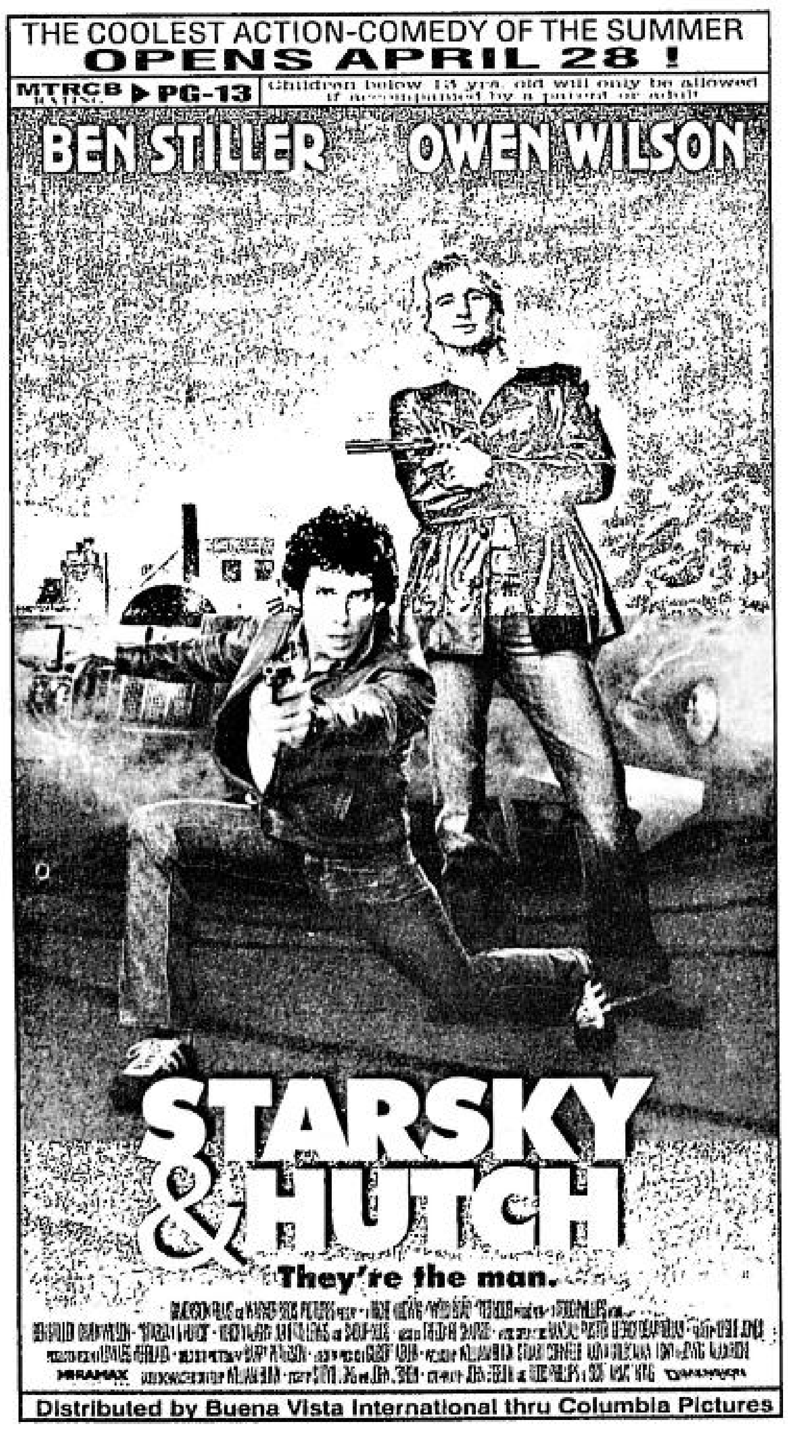
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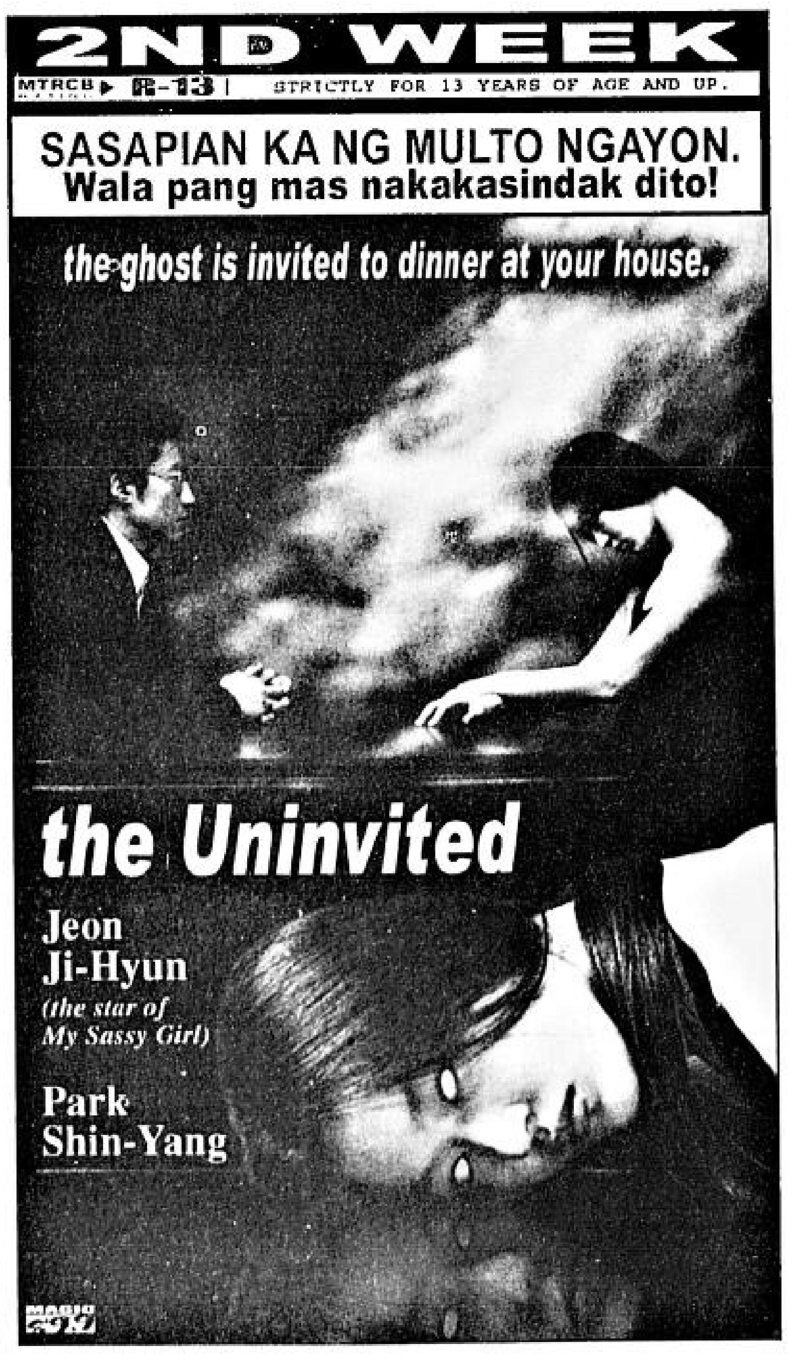
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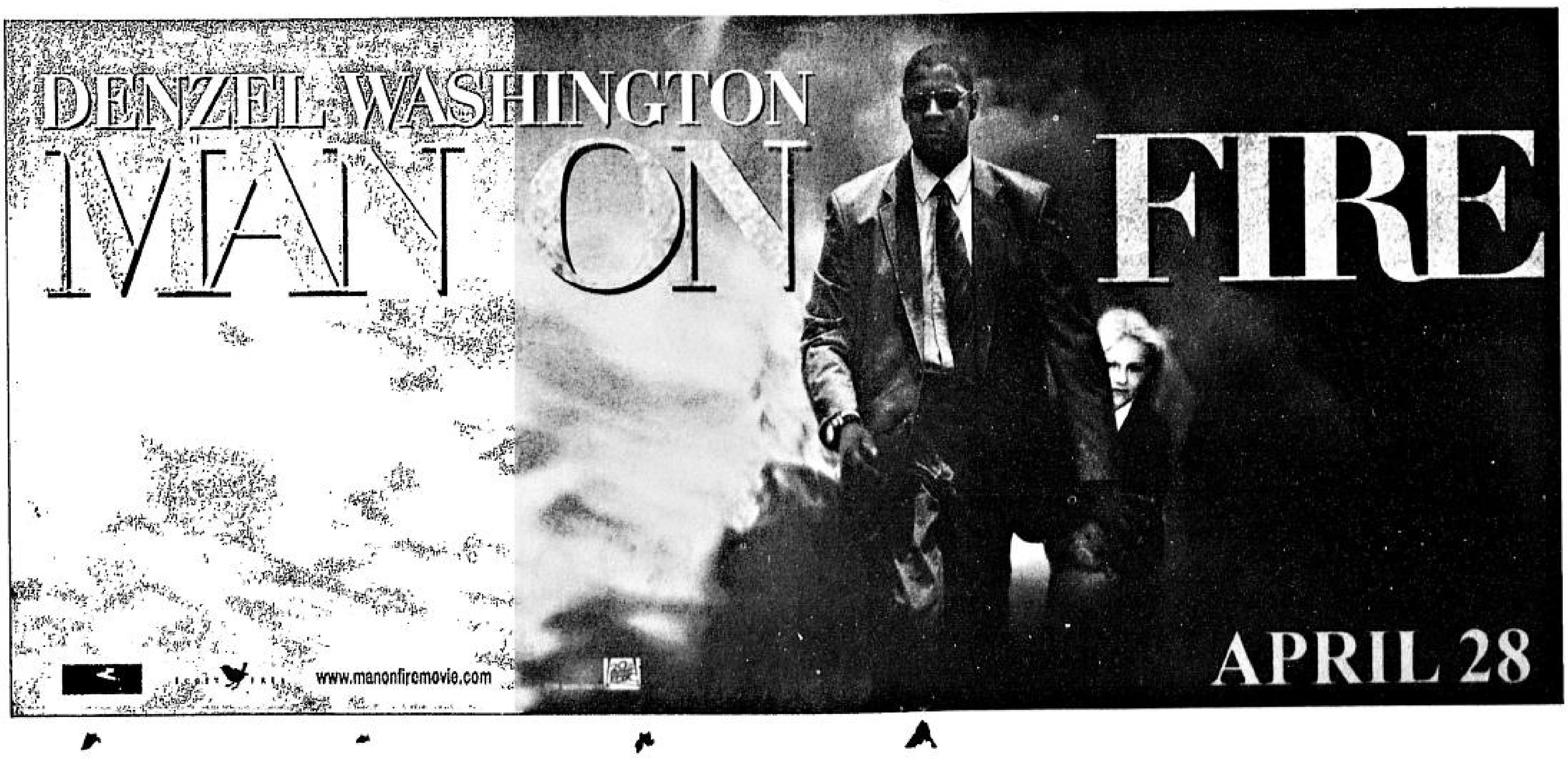
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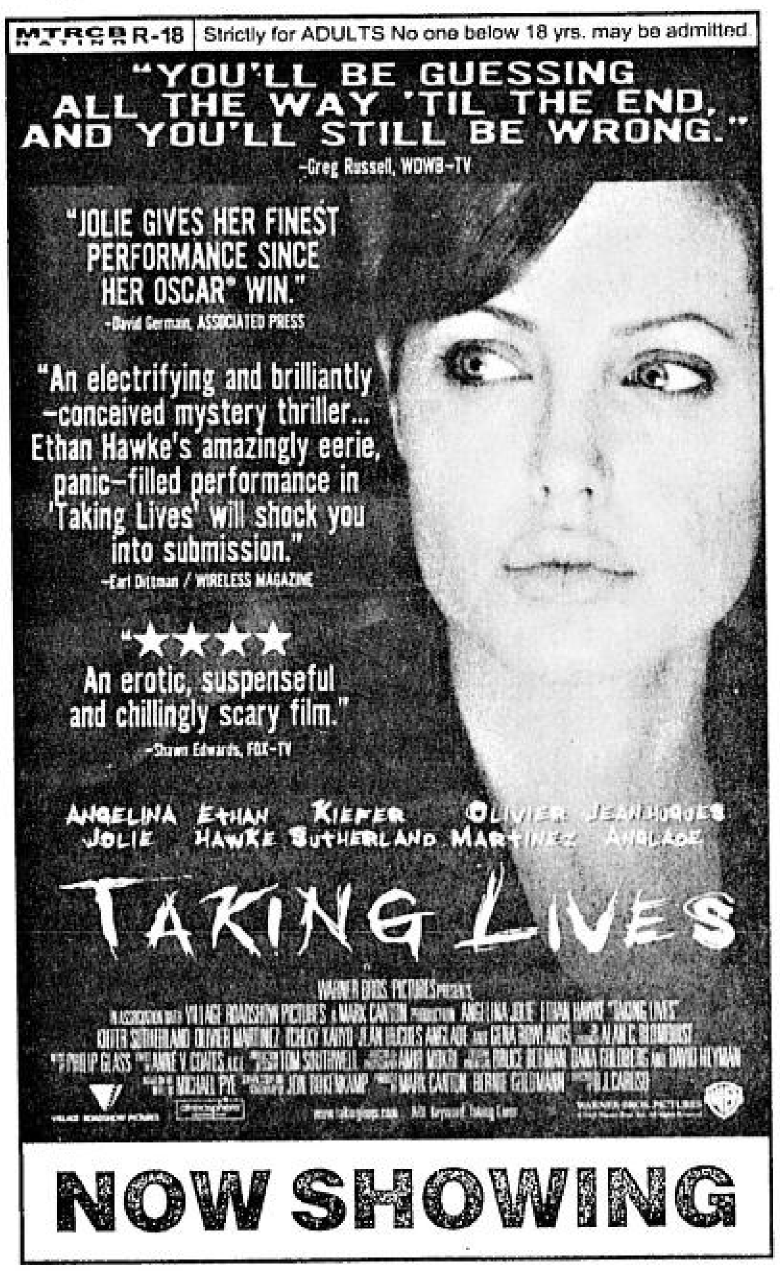
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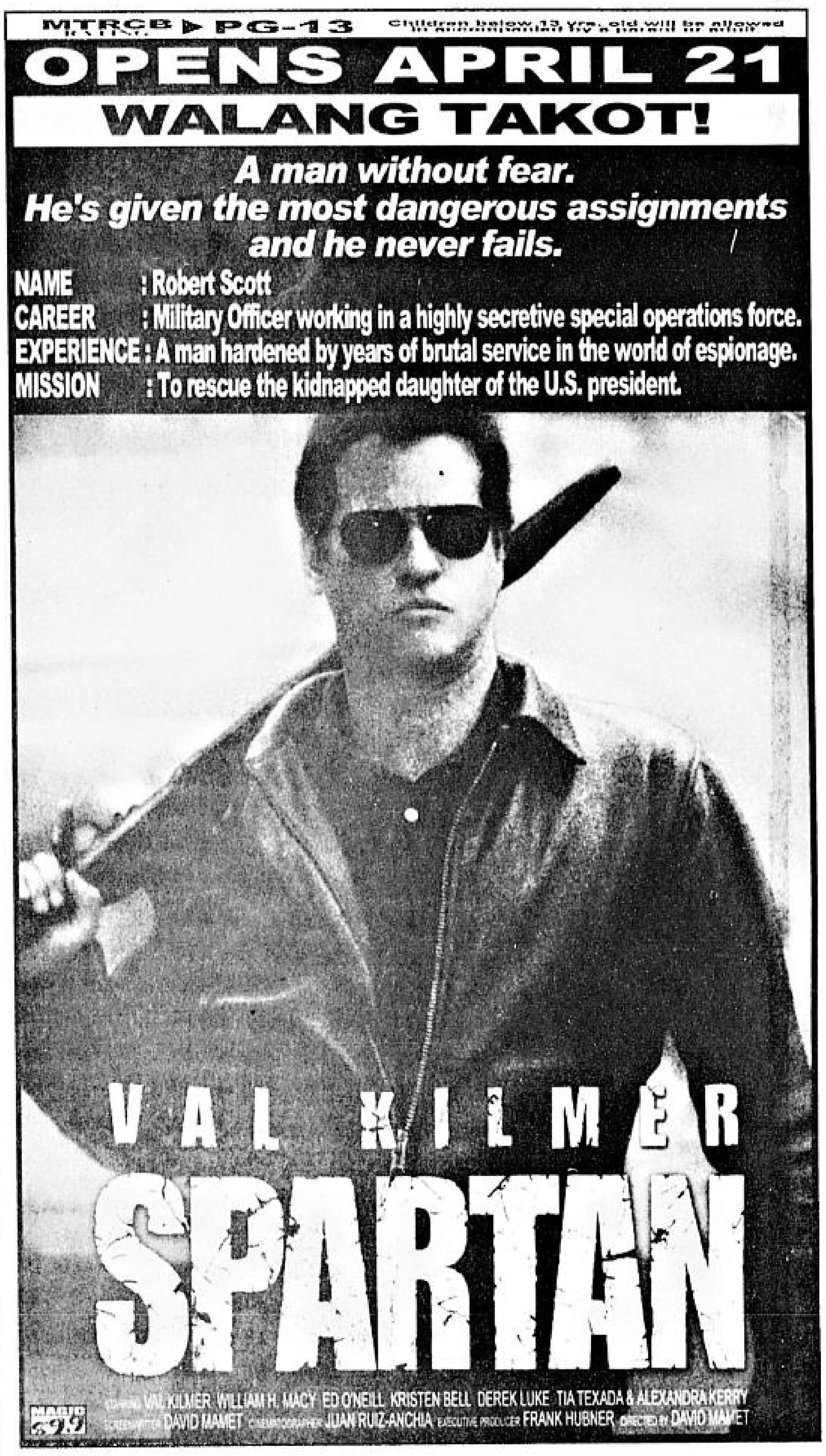
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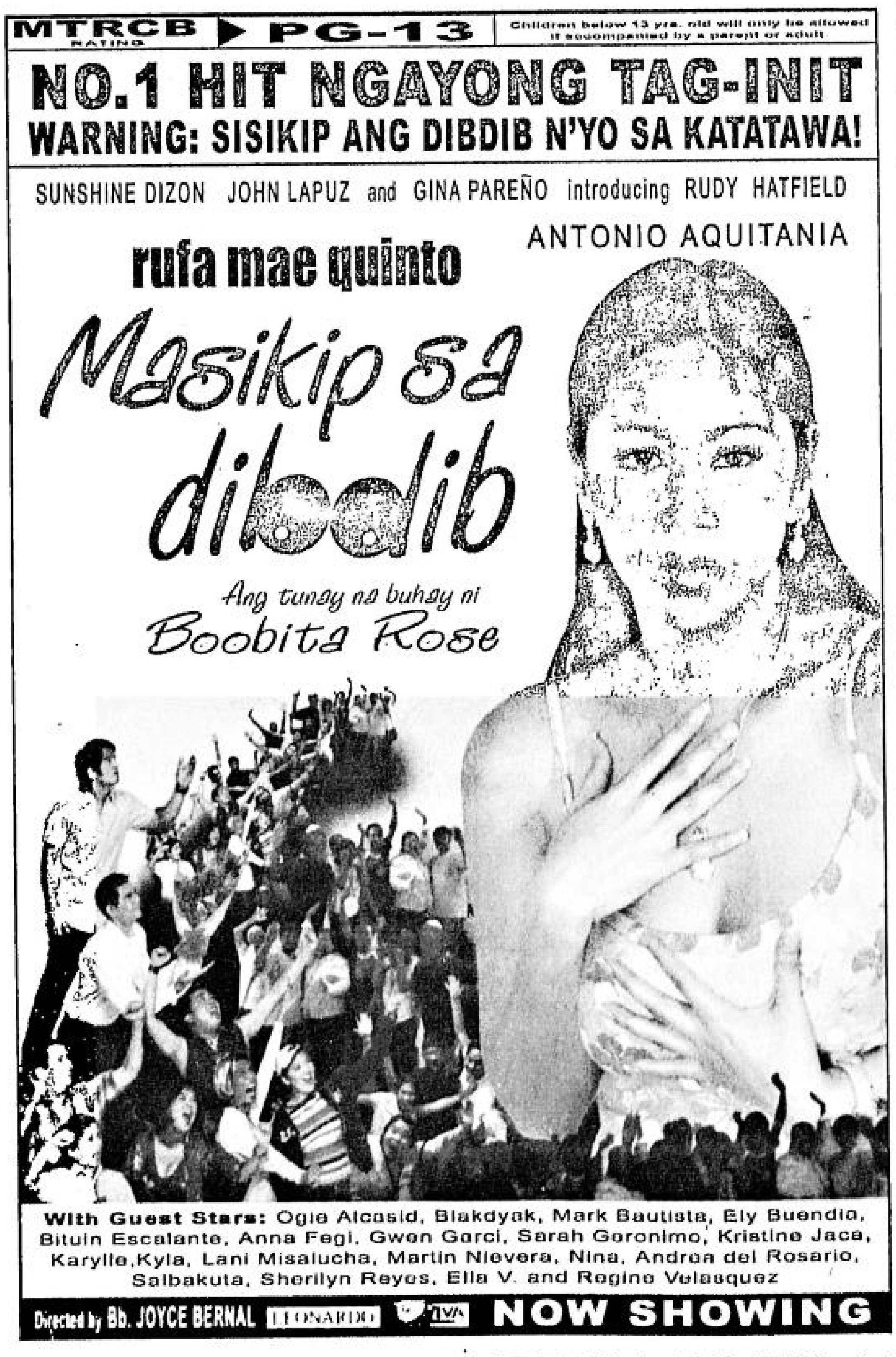
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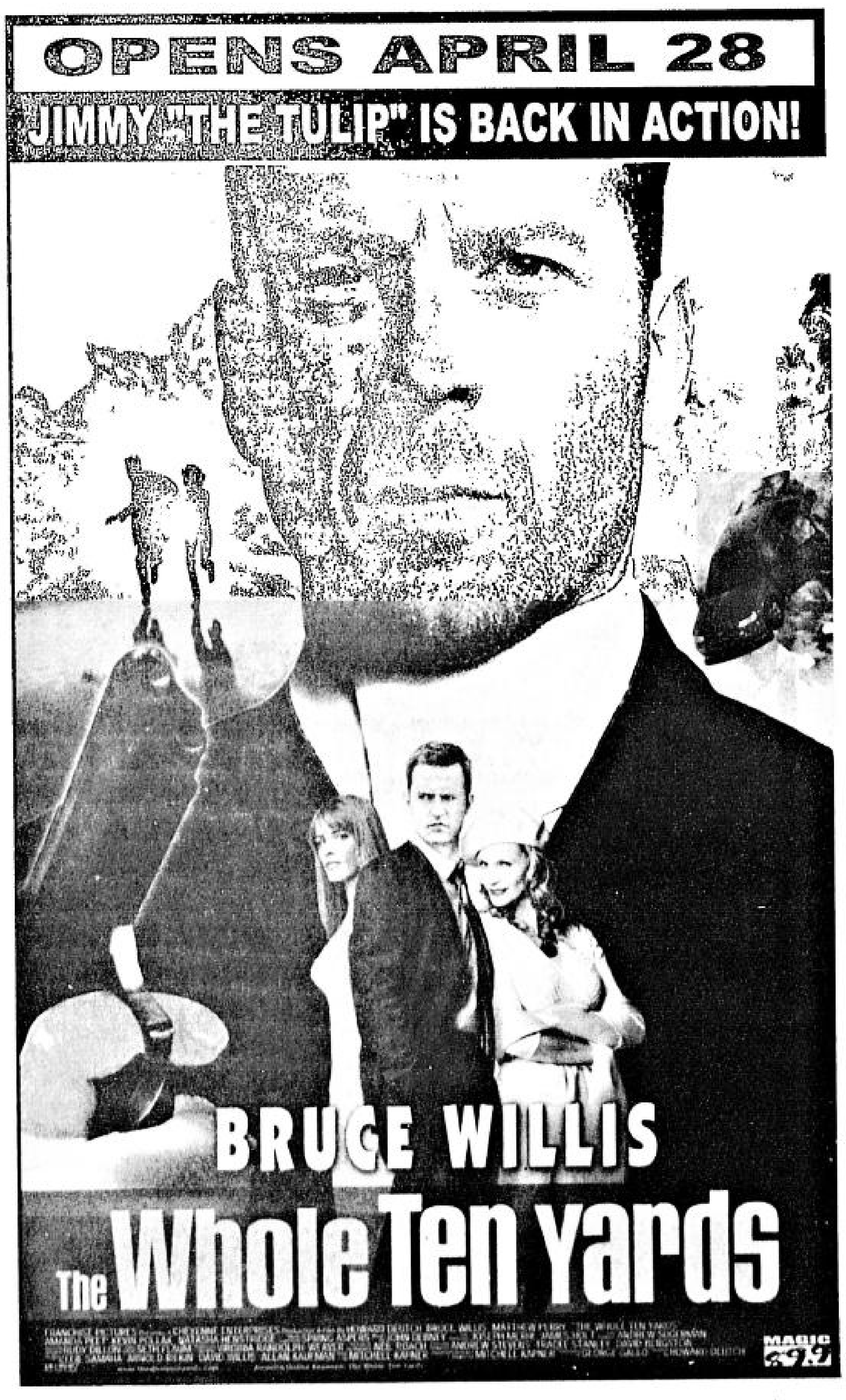
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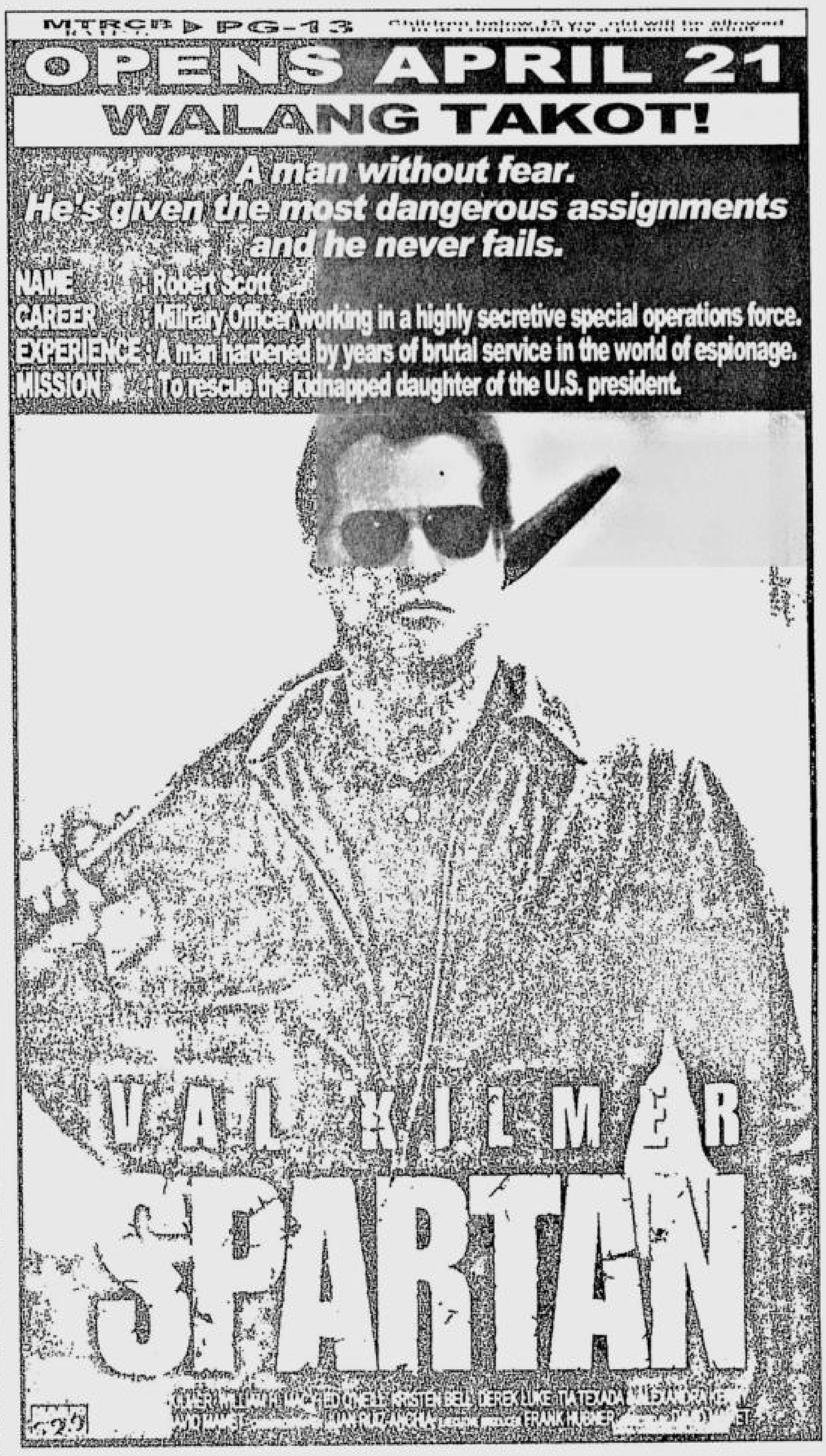
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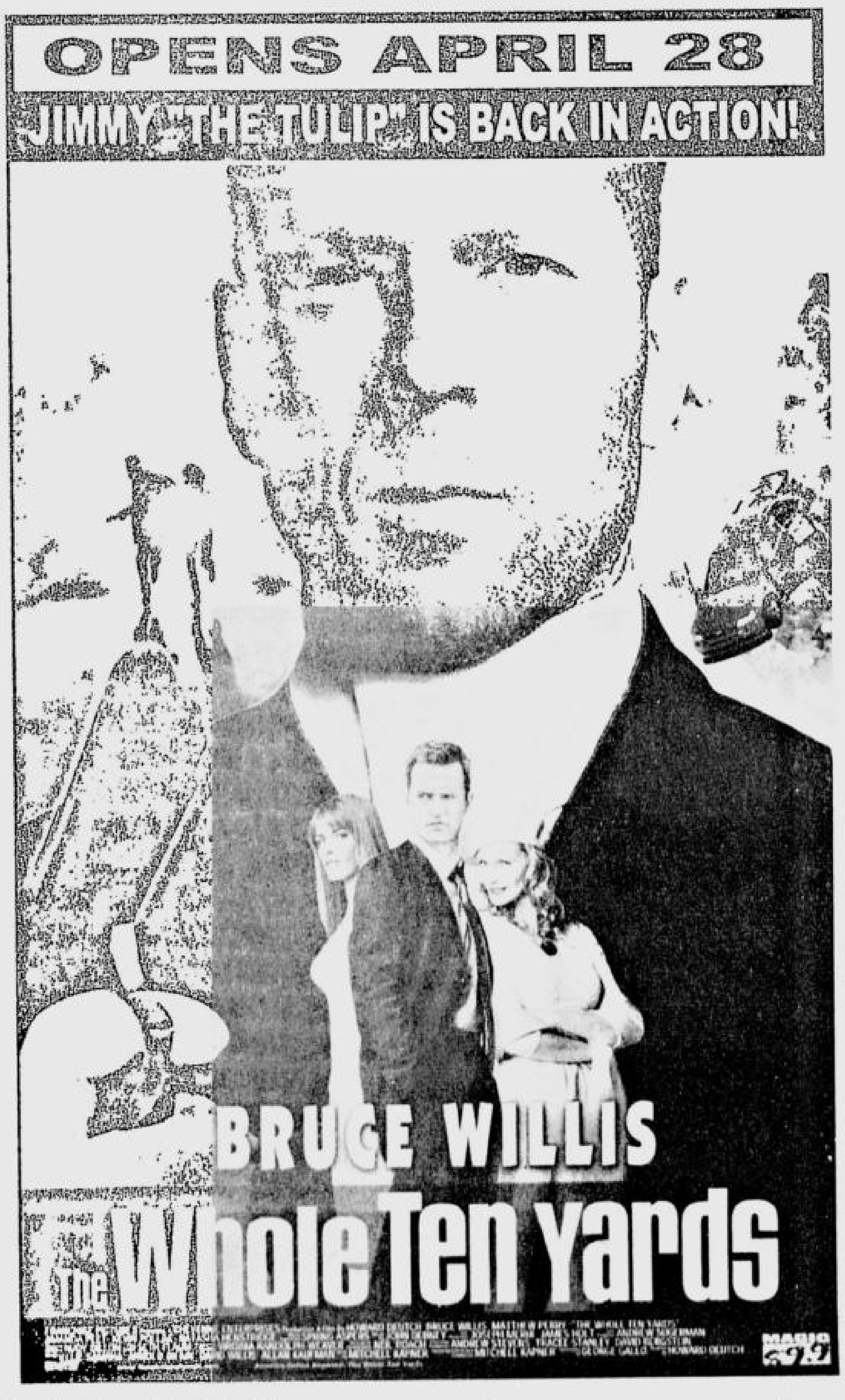
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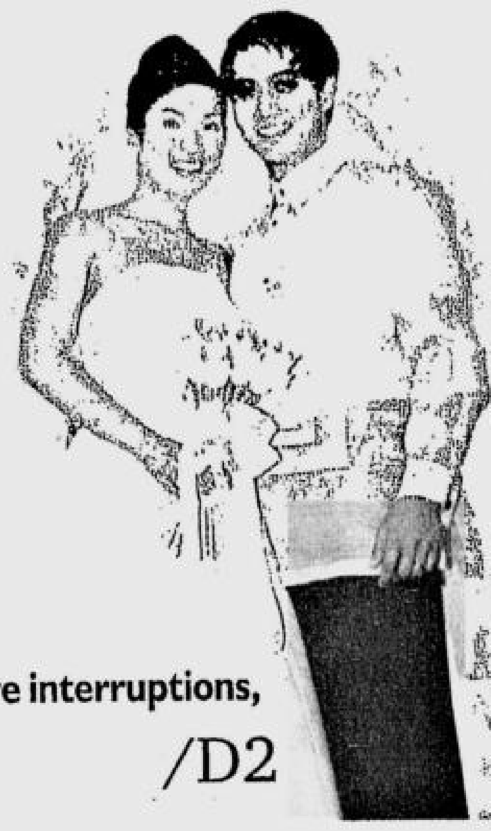

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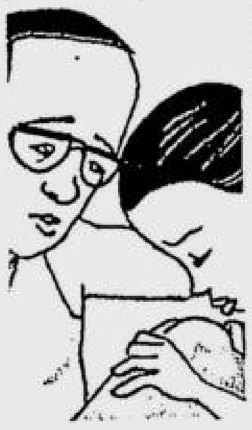

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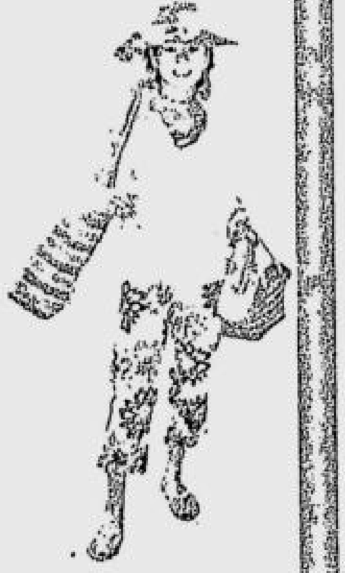

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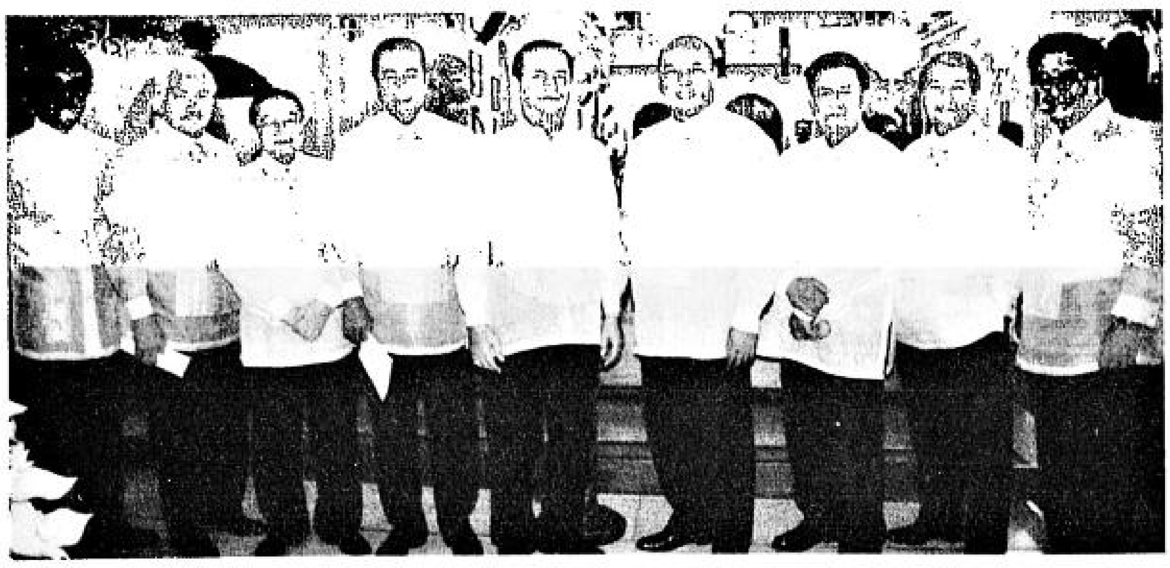

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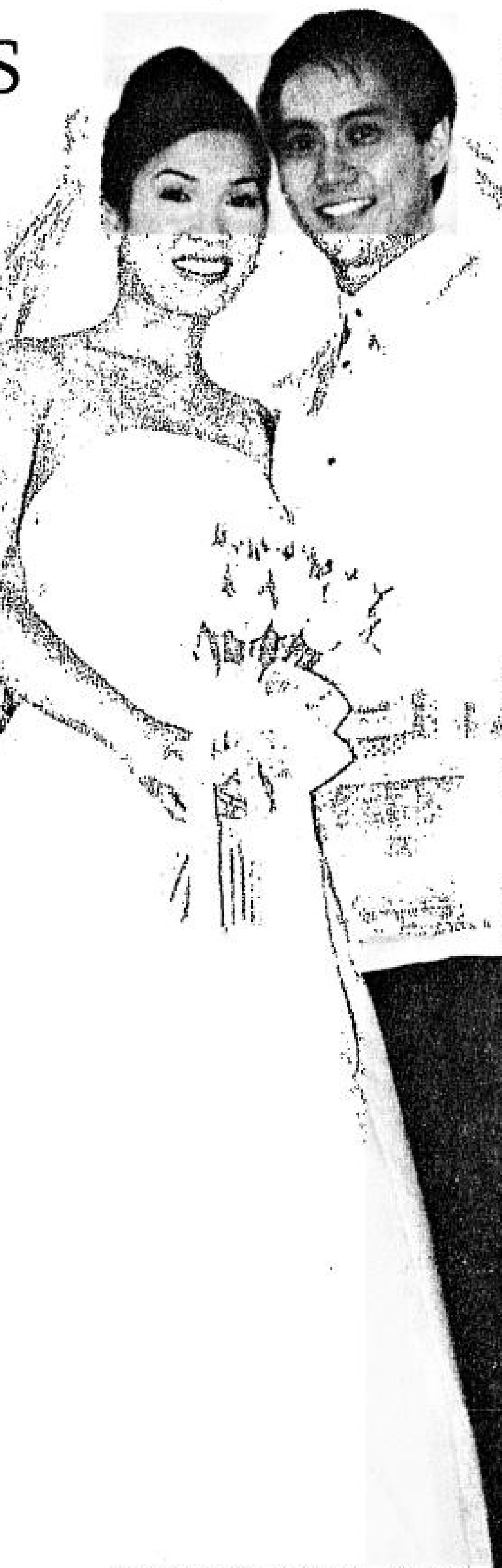

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DR. Tito Concepcion and Karen Jalbuena met in the library of the UERM Medical Center in 1997. Tito was completing his medical internship while Karen was finishing her course in physical therapy.

The budding romance was interrupted when Tito went to the United States to take the American medical board examinations. But the couple quickly picked up from where they left off when Karen took a job in New Jersey to be near her beloved Tito.

The couple became formally engaged in May 2001, and last Jan. 9, the lengthy engagement culminated in simple but elegant nuptial rites at the Santuario de San Antonio in Makati, with Rev. Fr. Gerry Ramoso Tapiador officiating.

Tito is the second of three children of Judge Crisanto Concepcion and Dr. Ernestina (nee Maniquis) Concepcion. Karen is the second of three children of businessman Oscar Jalbuena and the former Patricia Johnson.

Planning for the wedding was done mostly by e-mail and overseas calls since Tito and Karen couldn't leave their work in the East Coast. He is an account director for a New York healthcare media company while she is a physical therapist in New Jersey.

But everything turned out well, thanks to Karen's mom, Patricia, who did the local coordination with Bride's Maids & Co.

> The couple found a way to be near each other and nurture a budding relationship

Principal sponsors were Bulacan Gov. Josie de la Cruz, lawyer Romeo G. Roxas, engineer Ananias Ayroso, Dr. Manuel Cruz, Miguel Concepcion, Jeff Fernandez, Dr. Conrado Lucero, Pong Padilla, Dr. Renato Reyes, ABS-CBN top executive Freddie Garcia, Rita Cruz, Maryanne Gustillo, Deling Jacinto, Dr. Joy Lee, Glecy Mojares, Edna Sandejas, Jennifer Serrano and Fatima Sy.

Best man was the groom's younger brother Ernest and the maid of honor was Cheryl Jacinto. Groomsmen were Dr. Manolet Roque, the bride's brothers Samito and Jason, and the groom's childhood pal Paulino Garcia III. Bridesmaids were Genevieve Sandejas, Jenny Serrano, Barbara Rodriguez and the groom's sister Marilea, who will also be a bride in November when she marries her fiancé Jopet Santos.

Rounding up the entourage were candle sponsors Norman Cruz and Pinky Corona, cord sponsors Dr. Arnold Isidro and Melissa Jalbuena, veil sponsors Dr. Voltaire Maniquis Jr. and Lara Paulino, and little attendants Jonathan Cruz, Ram Cruz, Jared Louis Tan, Katrina Cruz, Nicole Cruz and Sabrina Cruz.

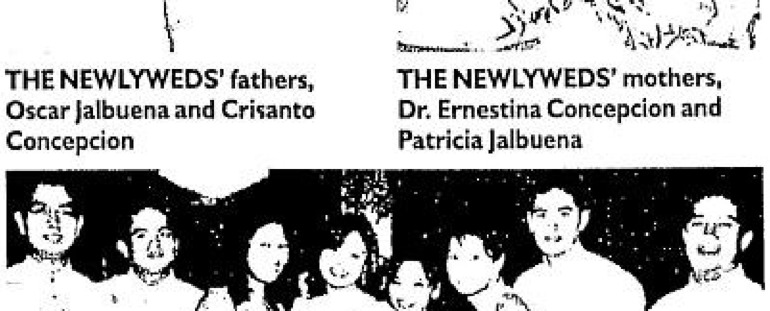
Karen wore a princess-cut bridal gown of pale pink duchess satin by Danny de la Cuesta. The gown was cut on the empire line and the bodice was beaded in the style of Buchelti, with Austrian-cut crystal beads, Swarovski rhinestones and nacre beads. A detachable chapel train in silk gazaar repeated the beadwork pattern.

Holding hands with her dashing groom Tito, Karen was a serene and radiant bride, showing not a hint of the frenzied preparations preceding the wedding. At the reception at the Rigodon Ballroom of the Peninsula, Manila, the young couple took center stage in a joyous celebration of their new life as husband and wife.

Shortly after the wedding, the couple returned to the US to resume their respective jobs. Honeymoon plans are on hold till next year when they go on a European tour. Congratulations!

THE NEWLYWEDS' fathers, Oscar Jalbuena and Crisanto Concepcion

THE NEWLYWEDS' mothers, Dr. Ernestina Concepcion and Patricia Jalbuena



GROOMSMEN and bridesmaids Manuel Roque, Samito Jalbuena, Jenny Serrano, Genevieve Sandejas, Barbara Rodriguez, Marilea Concepcion, Jason Jalbuena and Paulino Garcia III

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A showcase of memories

THE PENINSULA Manila, in cooperation with events organizer Rita Neri of The Wedding Store, holds the biennial "2004 Events at the Pen: A Lifetime of Memories at the Peninsula Manila" today.

The fair, last held in 2002, features the very best and most exclusive corporate and social events organizers and planners in the Philippines.

Dominic Velasco of Imacron presents "One from the Heart: Best of Fest," the first-ever screening of his most memorable videos of weddings, debuts and parties.

Screening schedules are 11 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

There is also a repeat of the widely popular "Events at The Pen 50 for 50 Benefit Auction" at The Rigodon Ballroom at 1:30 p.m. Theater actor-director and raconteur Freddie Santos is the auctioneer as guests bid for gowns, paintings and sculptures, spa treatments, flower setups, cruise tickets, videography services and other exciting items. Bidding starts at only P50. Proceeds of the auction will go to the House of Refuge in Marikina City.

Capping the "Events at the Pen" is a fashion show at 5:30 p.m. today at the Rigodon Ballroom featuring evening and bridal gowns JC Buendia, Paul Cabral, Tippi Ocampo and Randy Ortiz.

The event is being held in collaboration with Globe Platinum, The Philippine Star, Clarity, Sweet n' Low, Del Monte, Northwest Airlines, Maidenform, Natori, Imacron, 1816 Flowers and Event Styling, Patrick Rosas, and www.weddingsatwork.

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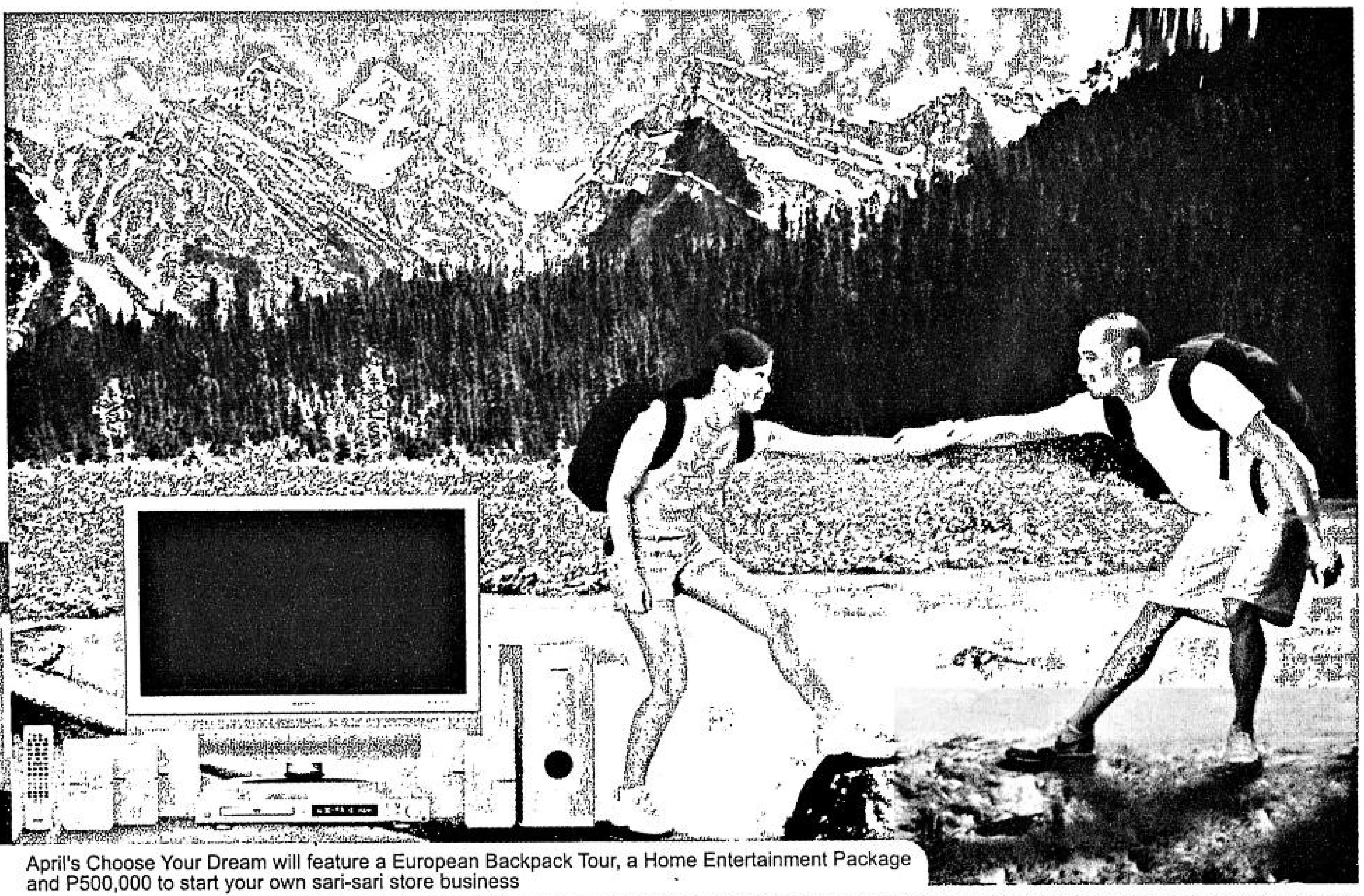
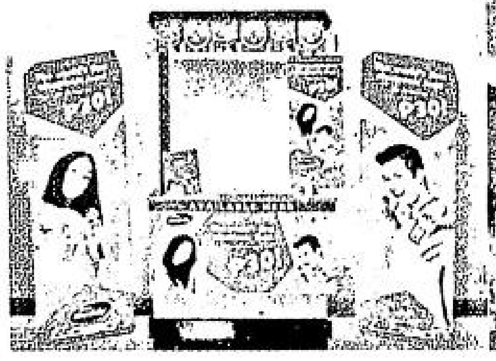
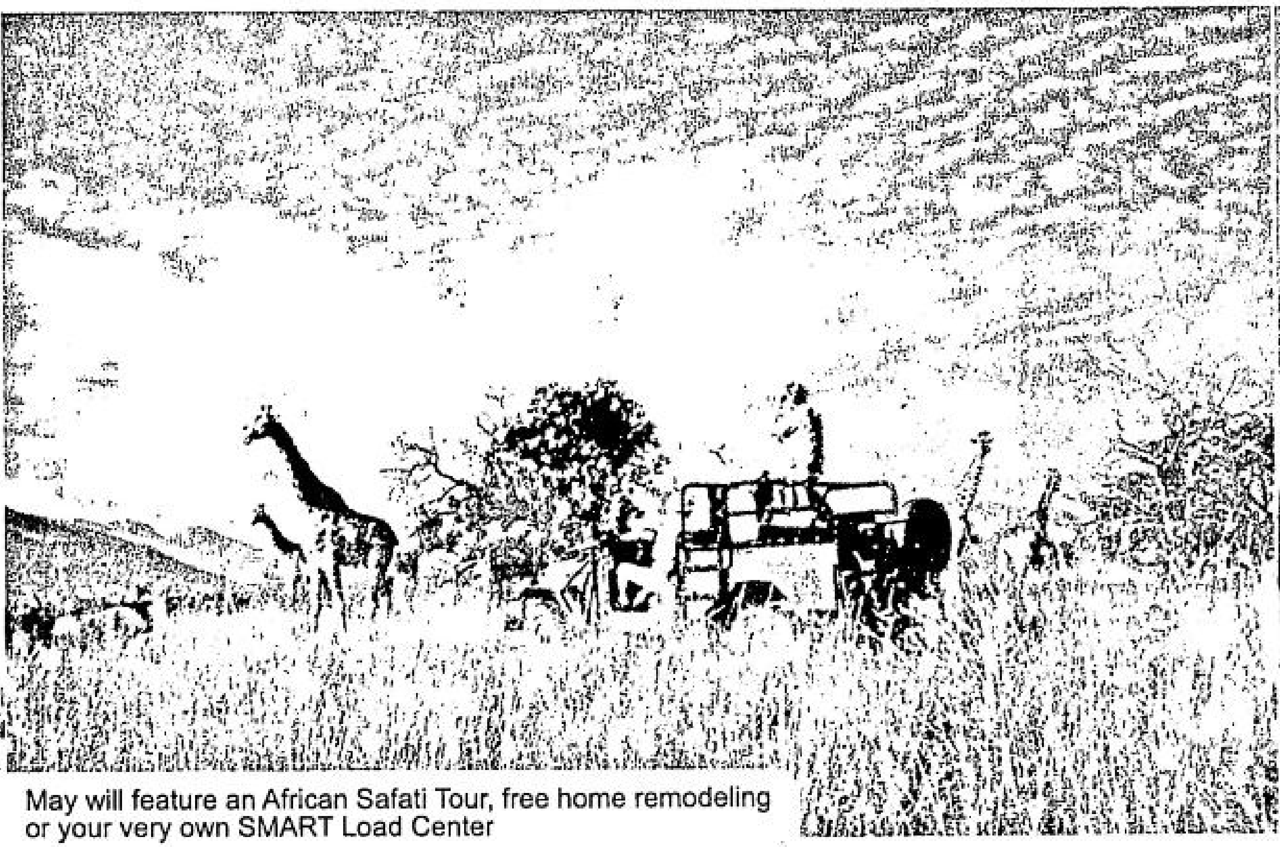
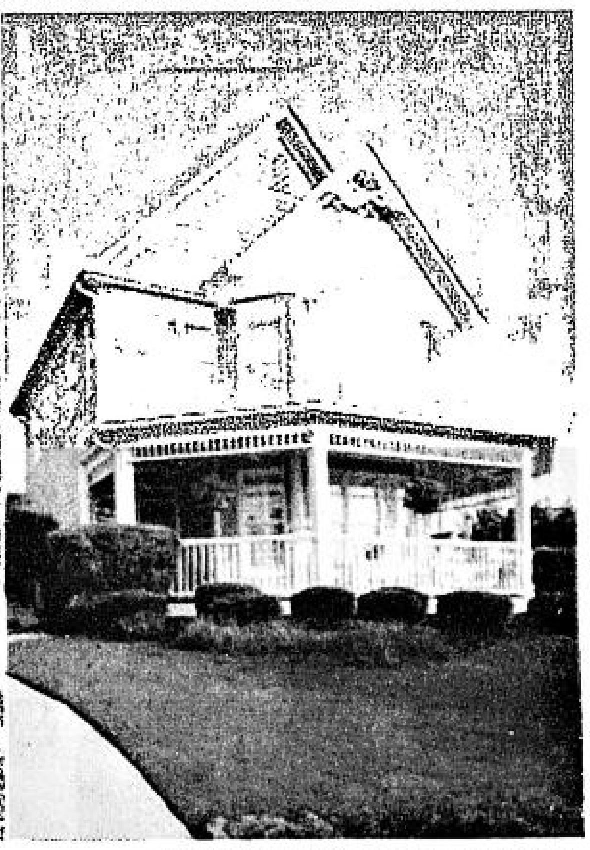


April's Choose Your Dream will feature a European Backpack Tour, a Home Entertainment Package and P500,000 to start your own sari-sari store business

For the second promo month, the more adventurous subscribers can pick the **African Safari Tour** for two plus US$3,000 of pocket money, the Luxury Showcase features **free home remodeling** by Alice Erfe (the interior designer for Rockwell), or for the more business-oriented individual, **your very own SMART Load Center** with P1.6 million in load credits! The second grand draw date is on May 31, 2004.







May will feature an African Safati Tour, free home remodeling or your very own SMART Load Center

In June, Choose Your Dream will let you drive home in the sizzling hot **Volvo XC90** SUV (Adventure Showcase); give you P4.0 million to **build the vacation villa** of your dreams (Luxury Showcase), or opt for a fleet of **Transport Service Business** (Business Showcase). The third and final grand draw is on June 28, 2004.

To find out how many raffle entries you've earned, just key in SCOREON and send to 232. Registration is free, and once you do that, you won't have to re-register everyday to stay updated. Stay on top of your raffle scores and increase your chances of winning!

With so many prizes waiting to be won, your dreams have a chance of coming true with SMART Choose Your Dream! Don't wait till the last minute, for even though Teresa Reluya already had her dream of winning come true, that doesn't mean she won't join again. In fact, Teresa said she's planning on using even more of SMART's services this time around. So key in DREAM and send to 232 today!

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'Med' summer evening fashion show

THE SPRAWLING garden in the Quezon City residence of designer Edgar Allan was the setting recently for a fashion show evocative of sultry summer evenings in the Mediterranean.

Catered by Alice Patag of Alfonso's, the show was divided into two parts. The first featured the designer's summer collection of ready-to-wear evening gowns, which are exclusively available at the Edgar Allan boutique in Glorietta I, Ayala Center. The second portion featured real debutantes and brides wearing gowns Allan made for them.

Guests occupied round tables and chairs in summer pastel colors placed on either side of the catwalk.

The opening portion featured floral and plain tops combined with palazzo pants and long sarong skirts. Bare evening gowns in red, deep blue, marine green and chartreuse showcased Allan's clever draping techniques.

Real debutante models included Jenna Espino in an aquamarine gown with sheer mini-sleeves, Claire Hemedez wearing a lace and organza gown in a delicate shade of lilac and Kathleen Trias, in a draped bouffant sleeveless gown in peach-pink.

Wearing their own bridal gowns were Detdet Viray Estacio in a bateau-neck sleeveless satin number, Rina Mendoza Porciuncula wearing a dramatic backless gown accented with two back straps, and Emilie de Guzman Cobbarubias in a dramatic bridal gown in charmeuse silk.

Evening gowns in the finale were almost devoid of embellishments and had architectural silhouettes.

A five-tiered fondant wedding cake with pastel flowers was created by Maite Gregorio of Cake Concepts. Invitations were done by Debbie Blanco of Chairo Crafts. Cake Concepts and Chairo Crafts are part of the Special Occasion services at the Edgar Allan boutique.

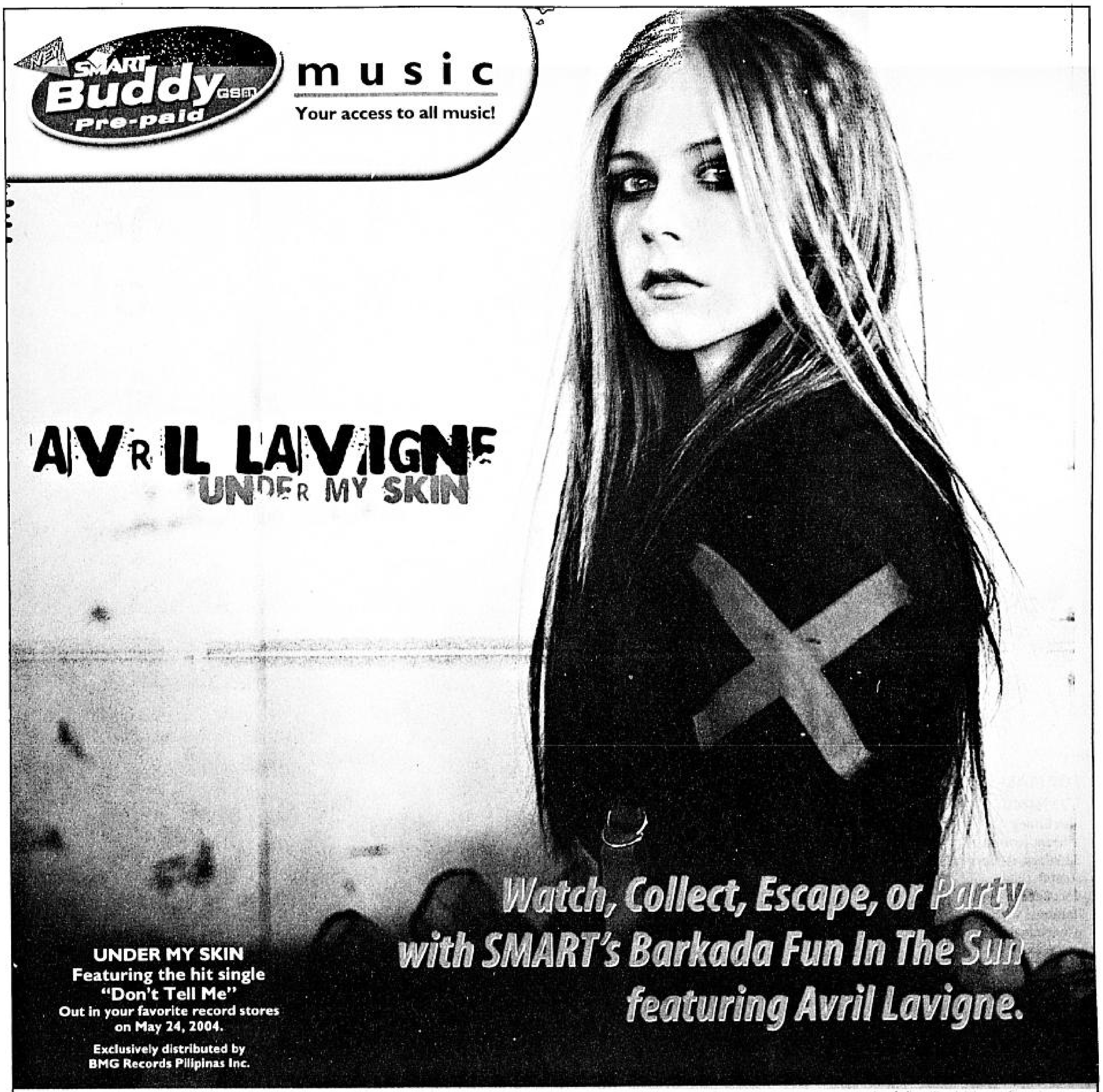
The show was conceptualized by New York-educated fashion merchandiser Rene Tiongco, Allan's business partner and finance manager.

DEBUTANTE Kathleen Trias in a peach-pink draped gown

CLAIRE Hemedez in her lilac debut gown appliqued with French lace

REAL bride Josie Sison Livingstone in off-white silk gazar

EMILY de Guzman Cobbarubias in a charmeuse silk gown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Anna D. Chavez
Relaxed and youthful Myrna Borromeo: Indian silk dupion jacket with beaded neckline, paired with slim pants with high side slits accented by Chinese buttons

BEACH
Eddie Baddeo
Sultry and dreamy Patty Betita: Empire waist gown with fuchsia halter top and two-layer bias cut chiffon skirt

Wedding wise

Can't make up your mind on what to wear? Wedding gurus to the rescue!

By Gem Padilla

ANYONE who has been invited to a wedding at one point experiences the frenzy best represented by the dreaded five words: "I have nothing to wear."

There's something about weddings that induce temporary insanity in people. And it's not limited to the wedding entourage either. Wedding guests are not immune to this syndrome: A wedding can set off outfit anxiety in a scale equaling that experienced during a 10th year high school reunion.

There's no telling to what lengths some people will go to look their best on the big day; whether it be going on a diet or the gym months in advance or going on a dress-hunting expedition of epic proportions.

The birth of wedding themes has rendered the good old basic dress codes ambiguous. Making up one's mind can be confusing.

Since we aim to be of some assistance, five of the country's most beautiful women present their take on the perfect wedding attires for morning, garden, beach, formal-evening and formal-Filipiniana weddings.

FORMAL-EVENING
Alex Bitong
Vibrant Joanna Peñalosa: Aubergine stretch tulle décolletage gown hemmed with ostrich feathers

MORNING
Patrice Ramos-Diaz
Fresh and delicate Desiree Verdadero-Abesamis: Chiffon dress in fawn with lace collage and cutwork details

FORMAL FILIPINIANA
Mike de la Rosa
Sophisticated Kate Manalo: Jacket of hand-woven Yakan from Zamboanga over a chiffon blouse with romantic ruffles and shantung pants

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There was no stopping summer's scorch as SMART Buddy's Nationwild went rampant across the republic. With rockin' and rhythmic events spreading across the country, SMART Buddy hit the locales of Boracay, Baguio, Cebu, and Puerto Galera during the past holiday. The party flag was bannered by SMART Buddy Pre-paid's Super SIM 3, the most feature-packed SIM ever! The new Buddy World,access menu from music to movies, get everything you love instantly on your phone. Buddy perks like mobile coupons on demand, and freebies and discounts from partner establishments. The expanded memory SIM ever with 650 phonebook entries or 105 text message storage! Become a Smart Load retailer and earn extra income from your phone! All this and much more in the new Smart Buddy Super SIM 3!

Puerto Galera was taken by SMART Buddy's Bar Raids across the famed White Beach strip during the Holy Week break. If that wasn't enough to hit Galera, SMART Buddy launched an R N'B concert featuring K-24/7 on April 10 , and a Buddy Dance party with DJ Kimosave on April 9..

Cebu was stormed by the Rhythym & Black with DJ Kimosave on April 3rd at Brix, and again on April 10 by Club PM. Ratsky's had Liquefied Orange and Keith Martin throughout Holy Week. On April 5-7, the beautiful Bantayan Island's Sugar Beach at Sante Fe hosted "SMB-SMART Sunset Concert" with UK Lily and Heartbeat Band. The Bantayan Pier never rested with the "SMB-SMART Open Beer Plaza" with Cebu DJs Mael and Boyet.

Even Baguio could not cool down with SMART Buddy taking over Locus Cafe, Red Box, Angles Bar SM, Angles Bar Mile-Hi, 18BC, and Cactus Bar with the best local bands. All of this culminated on April 10 as SMART Buddy took to Nevada Square to present Brownman Revival and Silk Band.

Last but not least, SMART Buddy took the white sands of Boracay with DJ Rocky Rock, MC Picasso, and DJ Ryu Ito at PAT's and BOM BOM. Whew, what a week!

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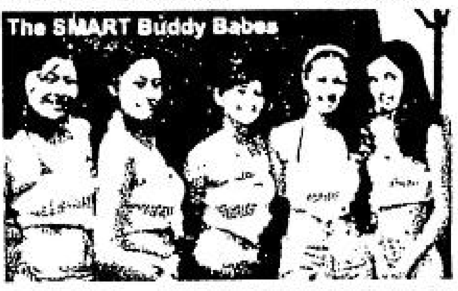

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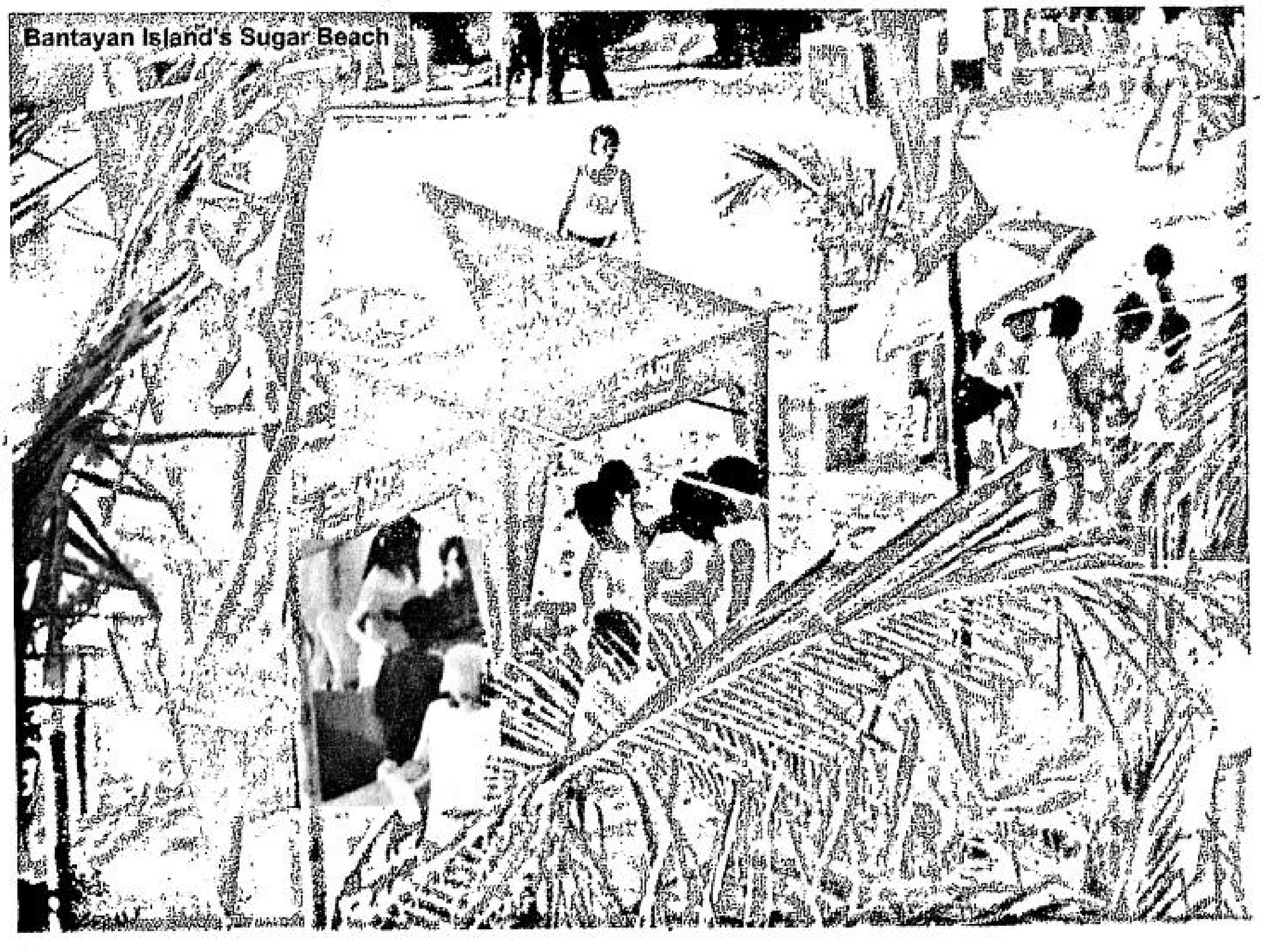

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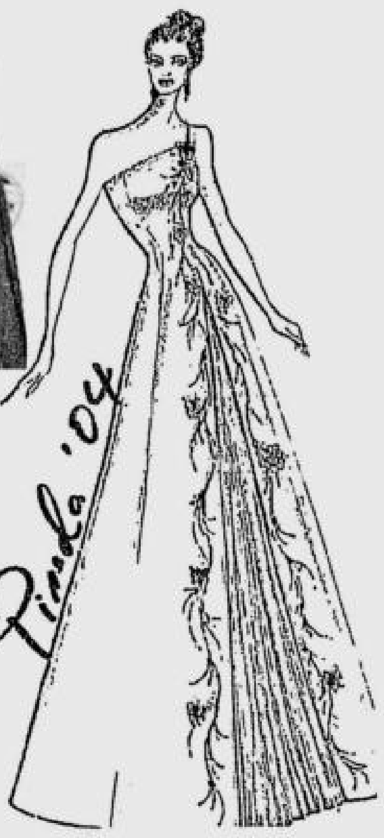


GUANLAO DEBUT

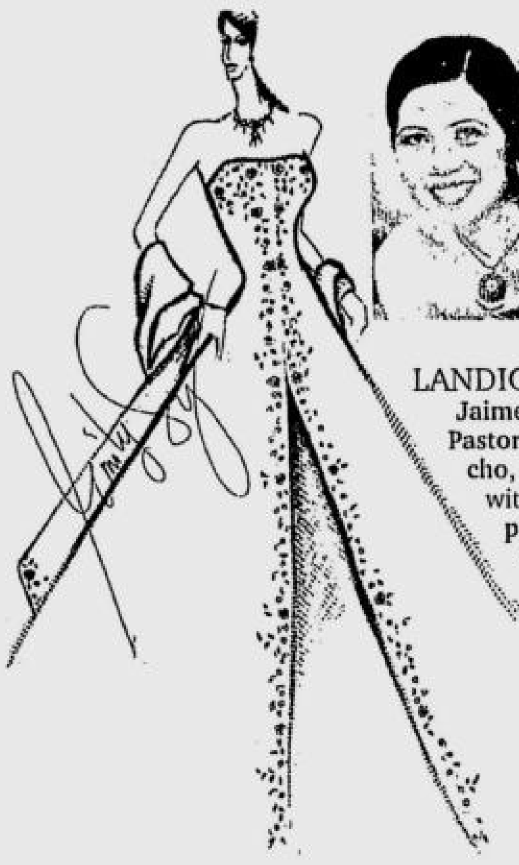
Vienna Marie Guanlao, daughter of **Valeriano** and **Vilma Guanlao**, will celebrate her 18th birthday with a dinner-dance today at the Maynila Ballroom of the Manila Hotel.

Eric Pineda designed a single-shoulder gown in monochromatic rose pink Italian satin. It is embellished with silver caviar beads and multi-colored rhinestone butterflies. The gown has an insert of sun-burst pleated organza in magenta.

SOLLER-GARCIA

John Vincent M. Soller, son of Drs. **Prudente** and **Preciosa Soller**, exchanged vows with Dr. **Maria Imelda SD. Garcia**, daughter of Dr. **Jose V. Garcia** and **Divina SD. Garcia**, March 5 at the St. Peter Parish, Commonwealth, Quezon City. Reception followed at Fernwood Gardens.

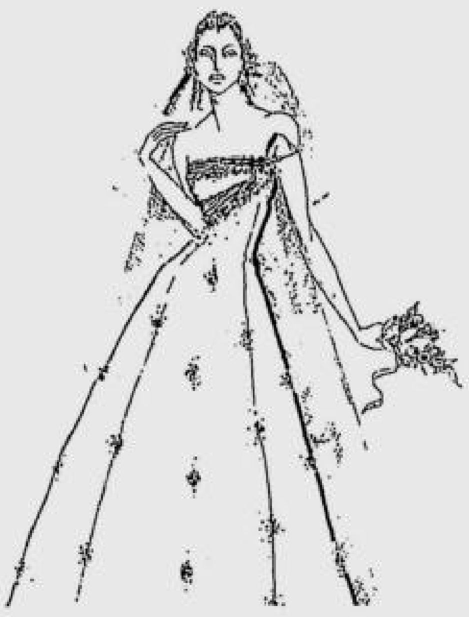
Msgr. **Francisco San Diego** officiated at the ceremony. **Eli Cabrera** designed the bride's gown. Makeup was by **Fanny Serrano**



LANDICHO-SAMPANG

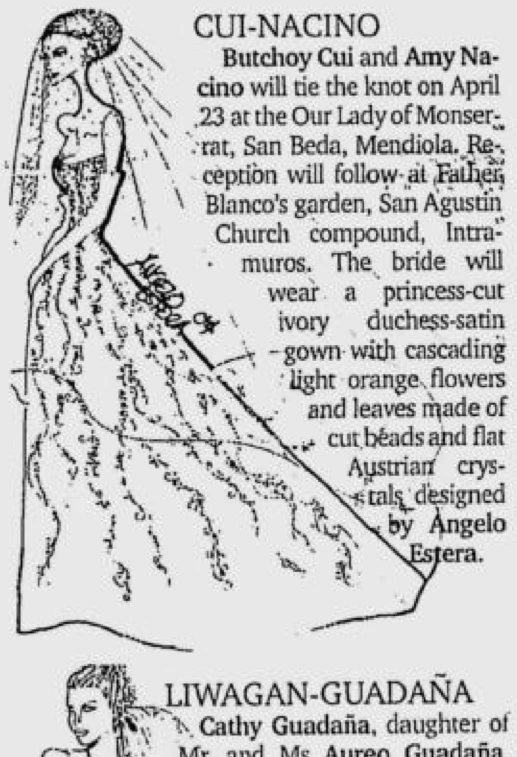
Jaime A. Landicho, son of **Pastor** and **Sabina Landicho**, will exchange vows with **Renelyn Nora Sampang** on April 25 at the St. Francis of Assisi church. Reception will follow at Fernwoods Garden, Quezon City.

The bride will wear an ivory duchess princess-cut by Emily Sy of Esy Creations.



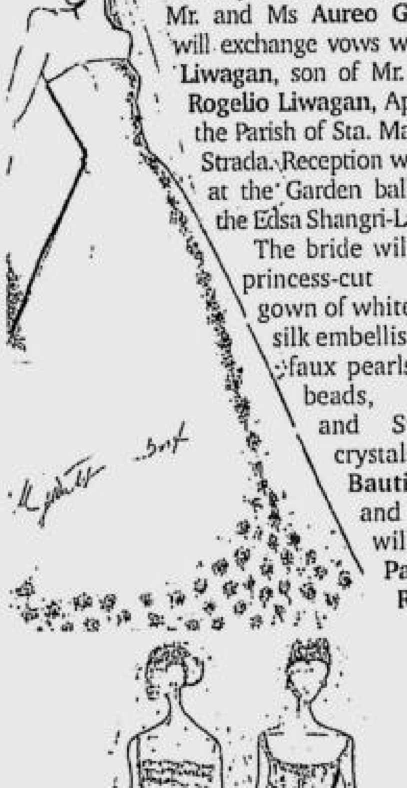
RAMOS-MON

Maricris Mon will tie the knot with **Roehl Stephen Ramos** on April 24 at the Shrine of Jesus, Reclamation Area. Reception will follow at the grand ballroom of Hotel InterContinental Manila. The bride will wear an off-white gown in silk *peau de soie* with flat sequins, crystal cut beads, faux pearls and Swarovski crystals by **Joel Bautista**. **Rowena Mulingbayan-Garcia** of Events Manila will coordinate the wedding.



CUI-NACINO

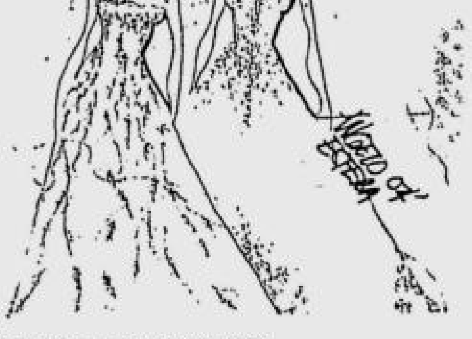
Butchoy Cui and **Amy Nacino** will tie the knot on April 23 at the Our Lady of Monserrat, San Beda, Mendiola. Reception will follow at Father Blanco's garden, San Agustin Church compound, Intramuros. The bride will wear a princess-cut ivory duchess-satin gown with cascading light orange flowers and leaves made of cut beads and flat Austrian crystals designed by **Angelo Estera**.



LIWAGAN-GUADAÑA

Cathy Guadaña, daughter of Mr. and Ms **Aureo Guadaña**, will exchange vows with **Ariel Liwagan**, son of Mr. and Ms **Rogelio Liwagan**, April 24 at the Parish of Sta. Maria de la Strada. Reception will follow at the Garden ballroom of the Edsa Shangri-La hotel.

The bride will wear a princess-cut bustier gown of white mikado silk embellished with faux pearls, crystal beads, sequins and Swarovski crystals by **Joel Bautista**. Hair and makeup will be by **Patrick Rosas**.



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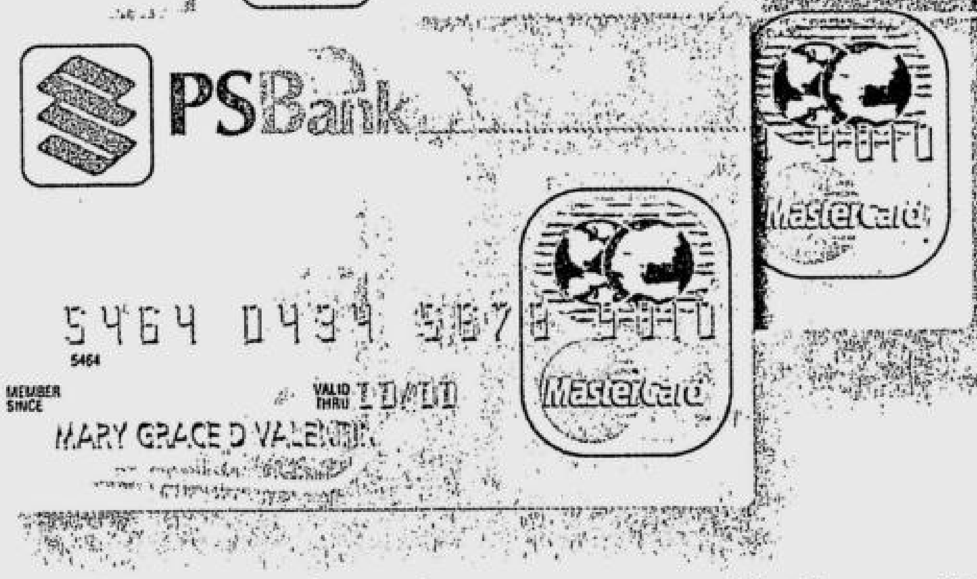

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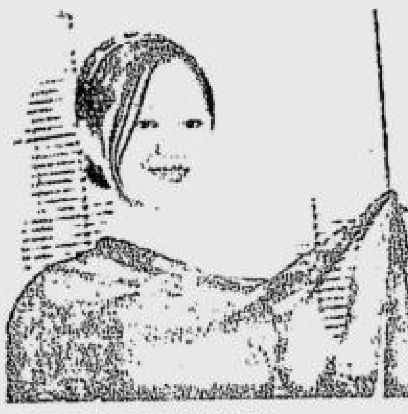

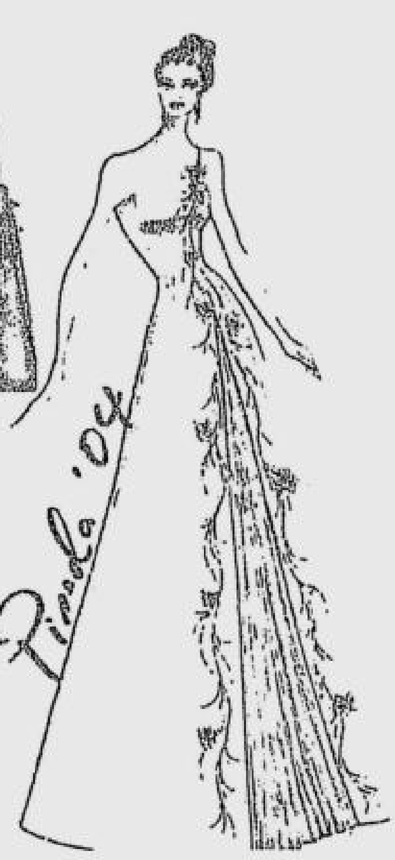

GUANLAO DEBUT

Vienna Marie Guanlao, daughter of **Valeriano** and **Vilma Guanlao**, will celebrate her 18th birthday with a dinner-dance today at the Maynila Ballroom of the Manila Hotel.

Eric Pineda designed a single-shoulder gown in monochromatic rose pink Italian satin. It is embellished with silver caviar beads and multi-colored rhinestone butterflies. The gown has an insert of sun-burst pleated organza in magenta.

SOLLER-GARCIA

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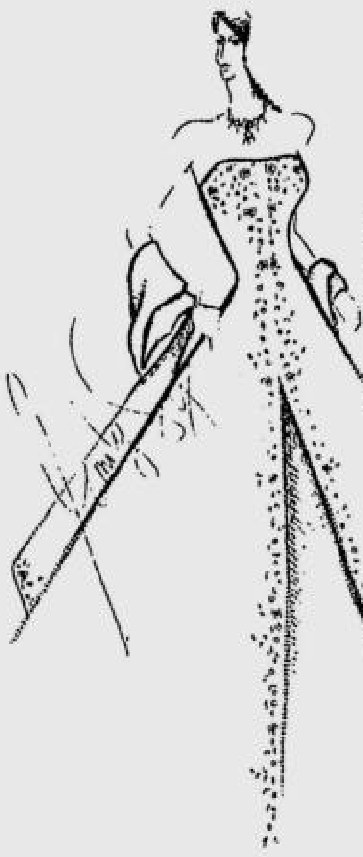

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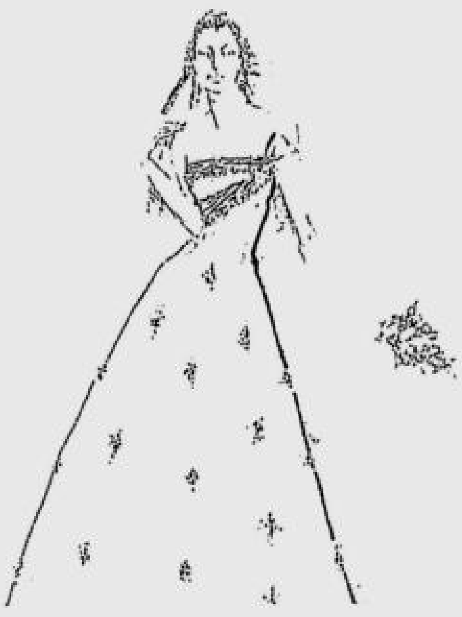

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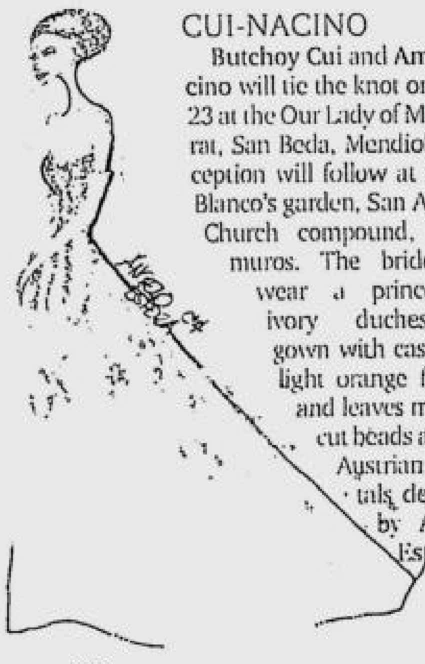

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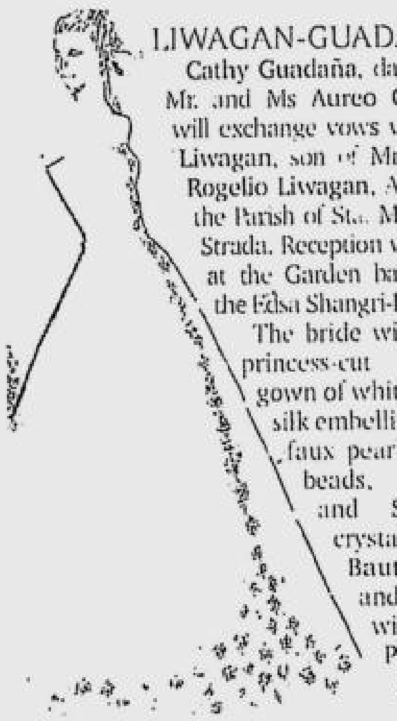

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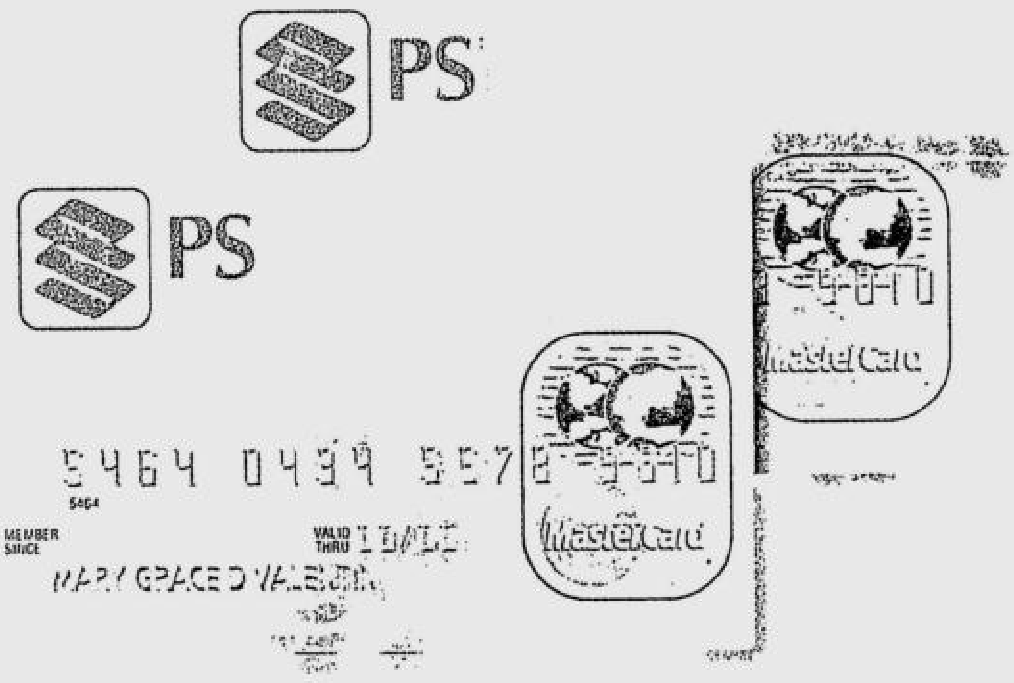

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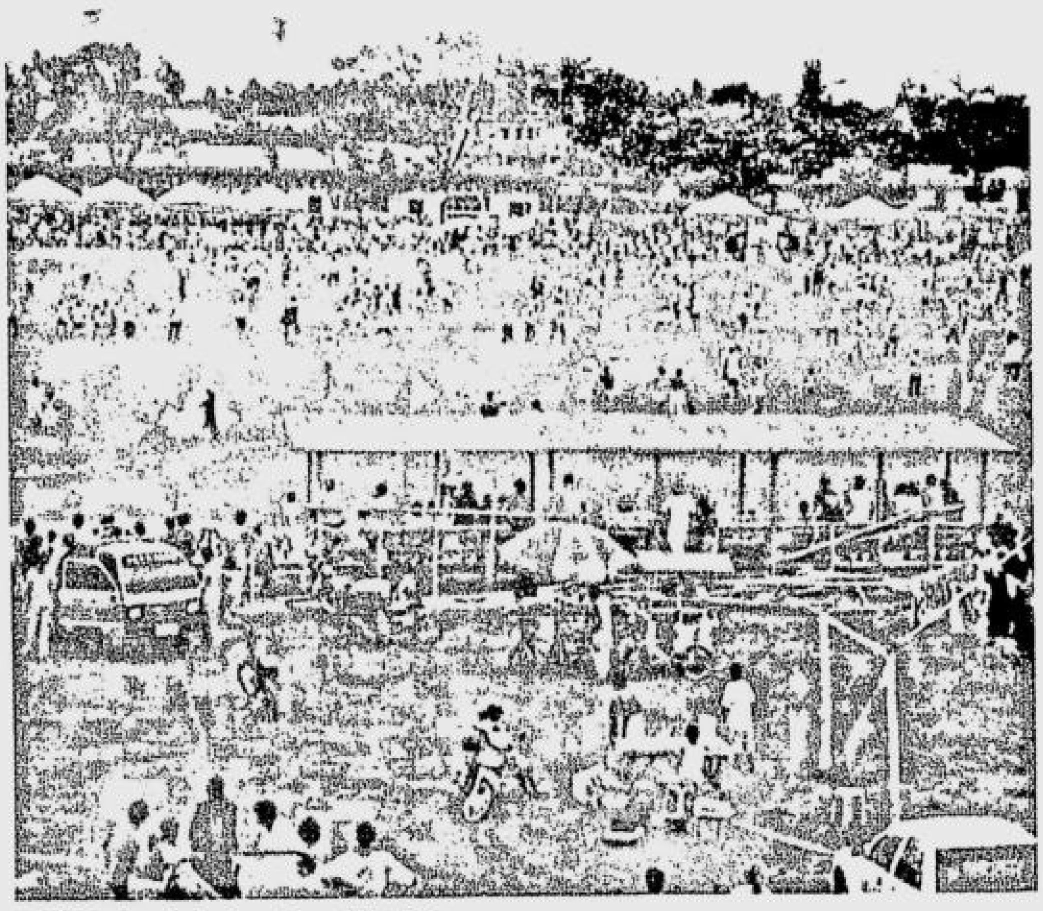

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The summer I took to the skies

By Crystal Rebucas
Contributor

IF you had a happy childhood, memories of your escapades as a child would likely bring a smile.

I was the only girl among kids my age in the neighborhood. I often went along with my older brother's crazy ideas on how to spend the day.

One of my best childhood memories was my brother and I making our first kite out of scraps. We went biking to the highest point in our village to fly the kite.

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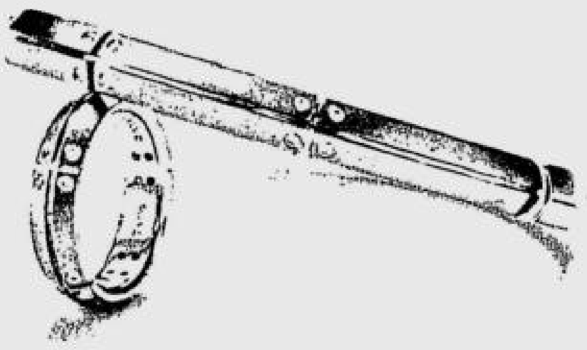

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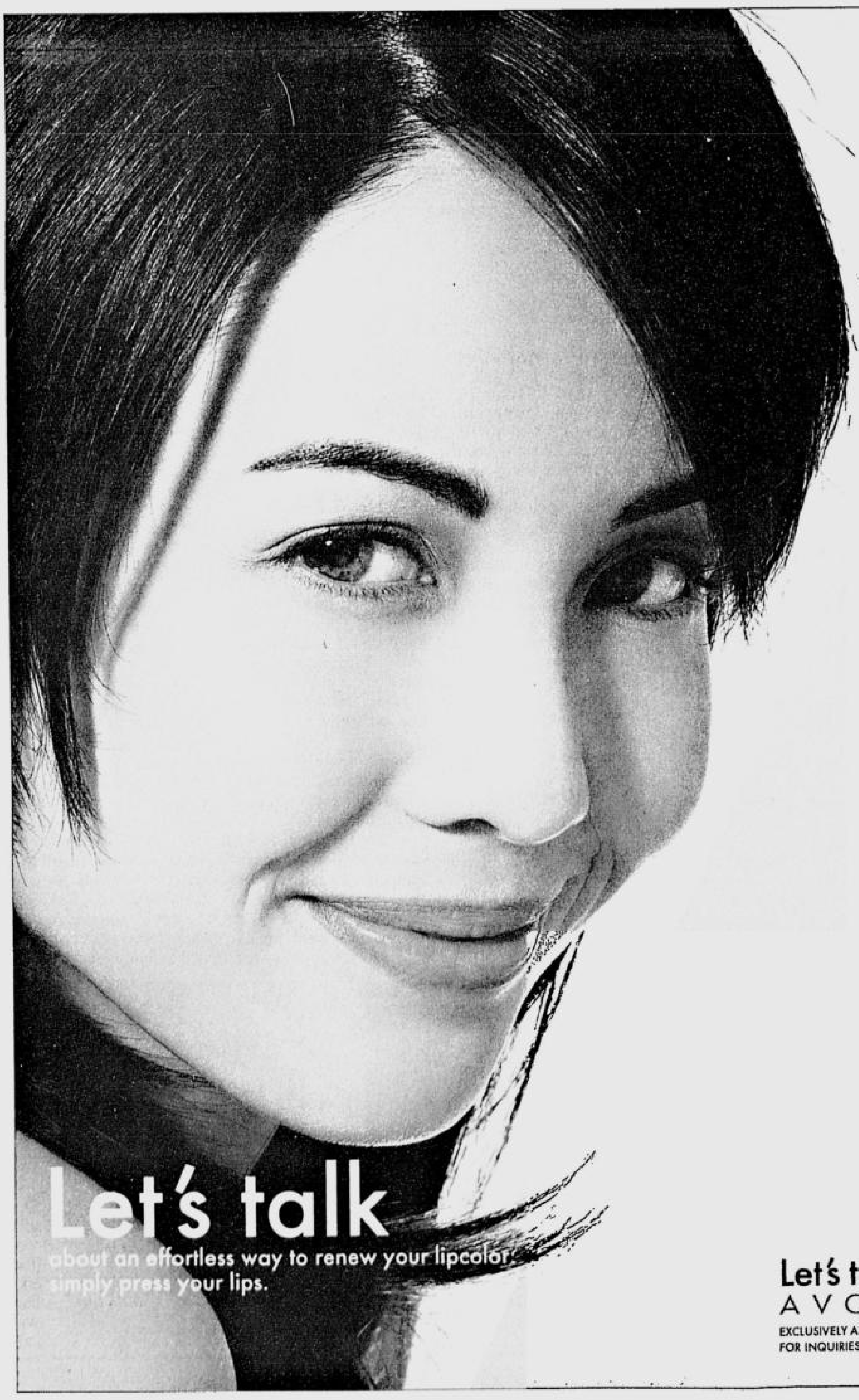
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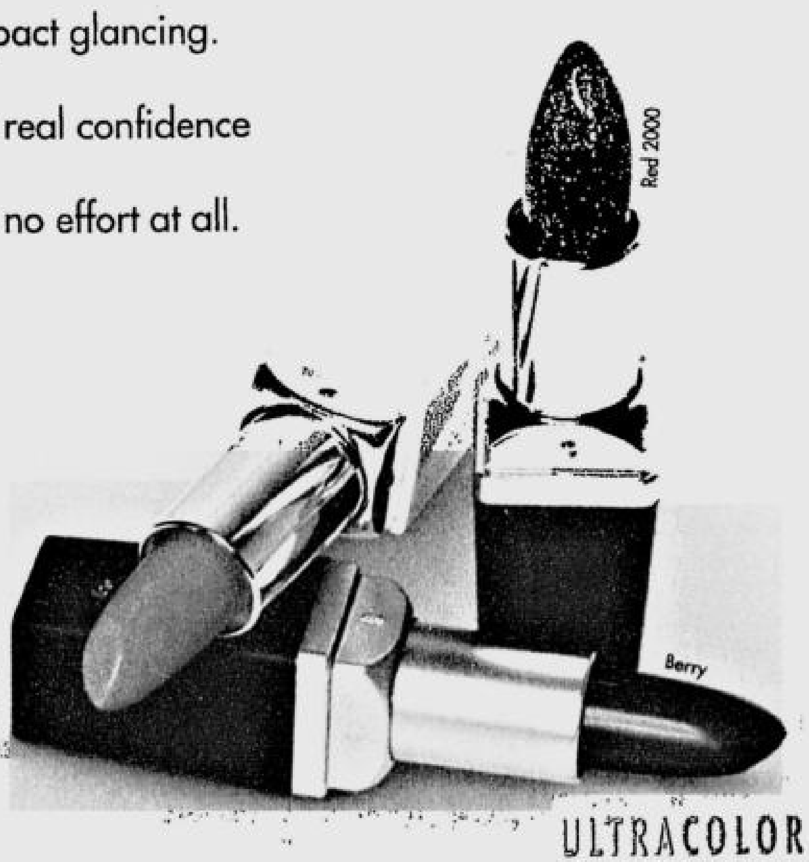

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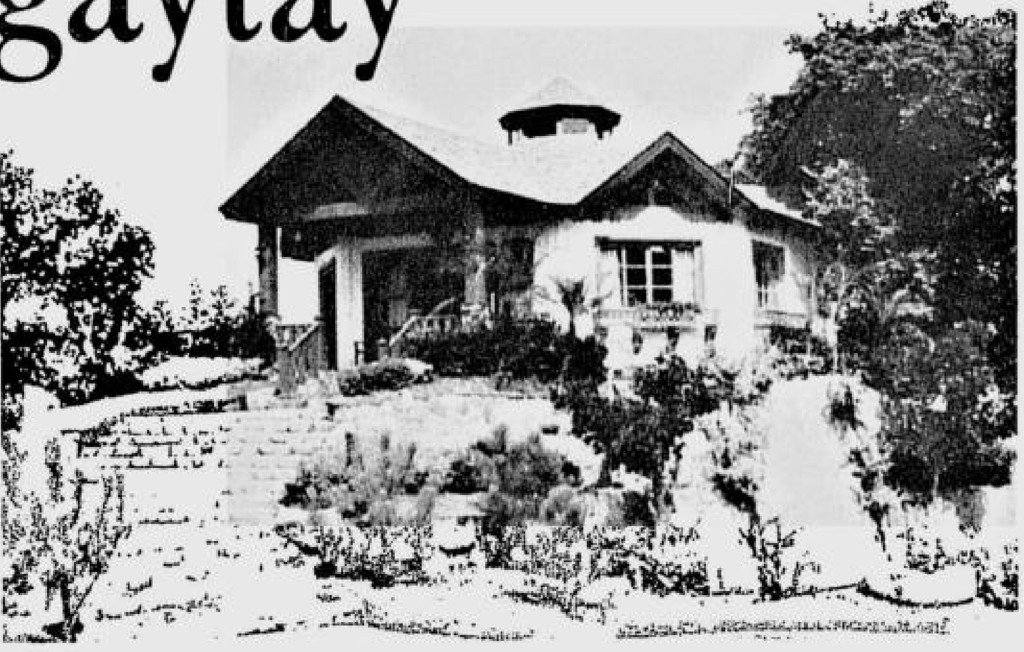

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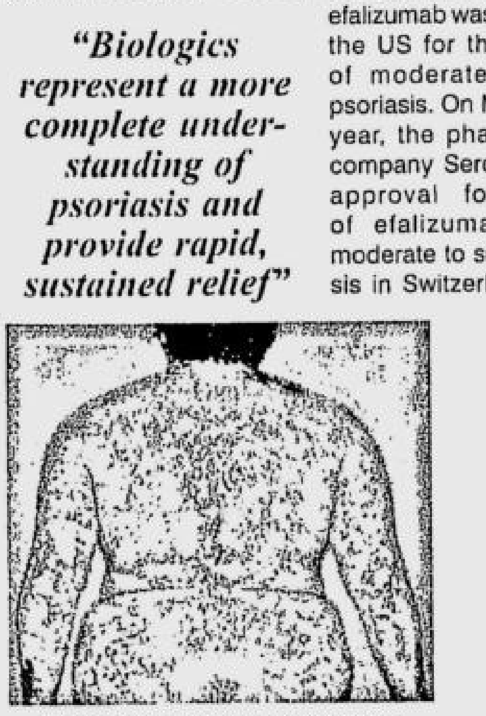

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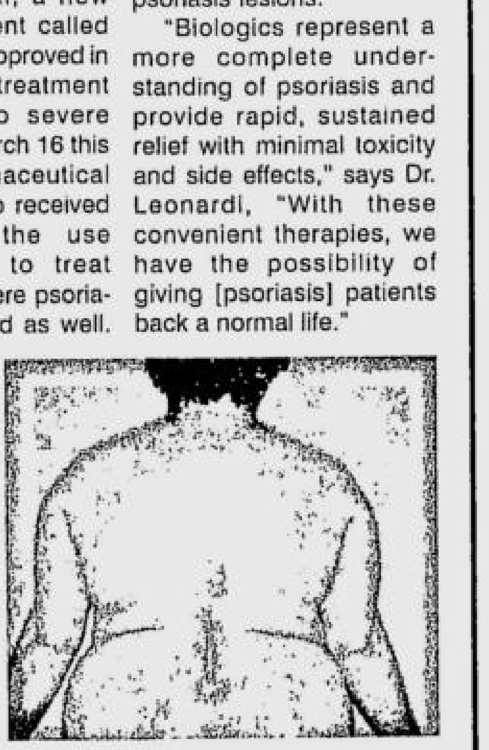

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"Biologics represent a more complete understanding of psoriasis and provide rapid, sustained relief with minimal toxicity and side effects," says Dr. Leonardi, "With these convenient therapies, we have the possibility of giving [psoriasis] patients back a normal life."

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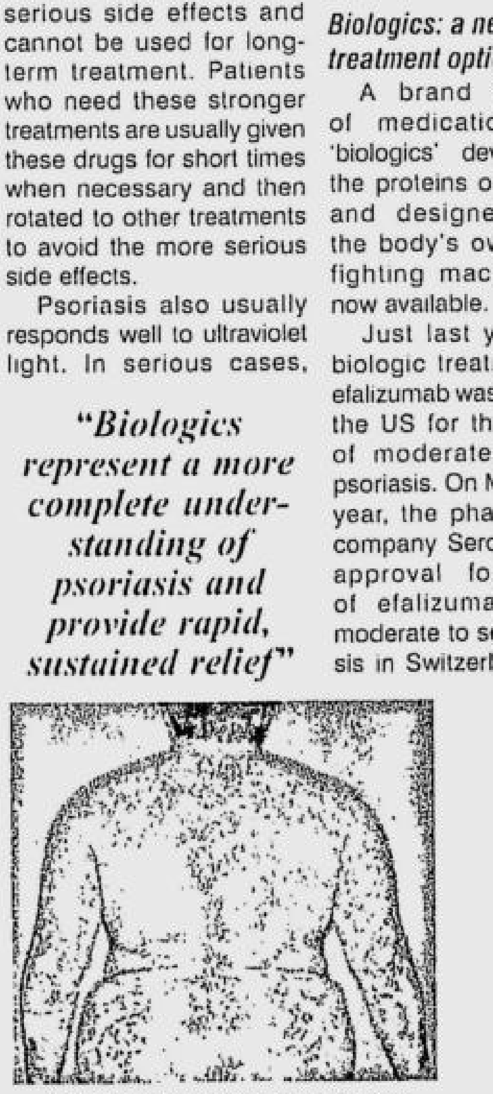

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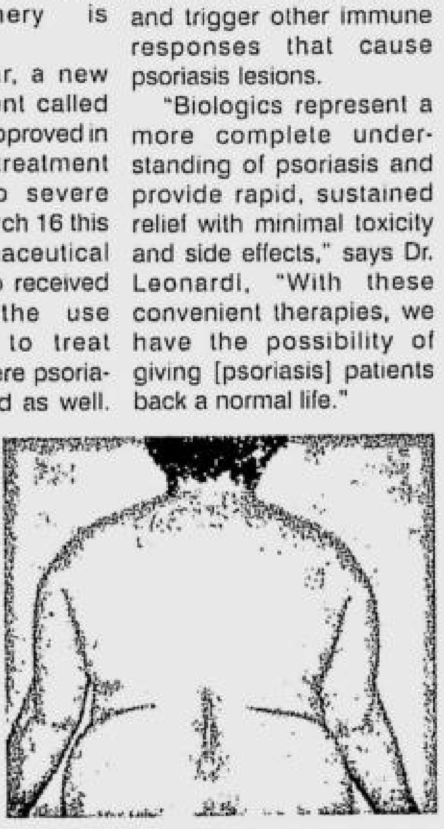

After 91 days of treatment

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THE BEAR Brand Kitefest team

The summer I took . . .

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Kite-flying is easy to learn although you need to get nature to cooperate and give you the winds you need. Today it has even become a competitive sport.

Recently, I relived my childhood experience when I got involved in the 14th Bear Brand Kitefest. I was part of the team that mounted the event and made sure that the competitors, the children and the spectators would have a grand time.

Although I did not become an experienced kite flyer, I do know there are important things to remember:

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- Keep away from overhead power lines.
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Kids can learn 3Rs at home

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In the latest issue of Baby Magazine, education therapist Jenny Villalon-Tapales lists ways to teach the little ones how to read, count and identify colors using ordinary items. The monthly publication is available in SM Baby Company sections, National Bookstore branches and kids' specialty shops.

Educator Marita F. Villafuerte, in her column, talks about brain facts to help your child get started and stay ahead.

Baby Magazine has a nine-page spread on where kids can go this summer for intellectual, social and psychological development.

Check out the issue for details on new contests for young parents sponsored by Vaseline Intensive Care Lotion, Nestlé Baby Food, Nido Prebio1. Call 7283655 to 56.

Another educator, Nina Lim-Yuson, talks about day trips you can take with your little ones.

Clinical psychologist Teresa Gustilo-Villasor discusses the so-called Linus blanket syndrome—kids cling to or get attached to certain items like pillows and blankets.

Dr. Donna Pangilinan-Simpao cautions about the adverse effects of what *yayas* tell kids. Dr. Lourdes Genuino discusses constipation in children and what parents can do about it.

Dion Andre N. Shani, son of Cabalen's Maritel Nievera, is the cover boy of Baby Magazine's latest issue.

Seminar on marital annulment

IS marital annulment the last or the best option to take when love, loyalty and respect no longer exist between you and the significant person in your life?

Are you already tired, confused and stressed out over persistent marital conflicts and disagreements in your home?

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Organized by the Metropolitan Psychological Corp., "Overview of Marital Annulment" will be held on April 24, 9-11:30 a.m., at the Filipinas Heritage Library on Makati Avenue.

Resource person is Dr. Natividad Dayan, noted psychologist and counselor on marital relations.

Seminar topics include definitions of marital annulment, grounds for "psychological incapacity" and "personality disorder," and the use of psychological testing and assessment in annulment cases.

Seminar fee is P1,000. Call 8442936, 8939138, 8442941 and 8924610.

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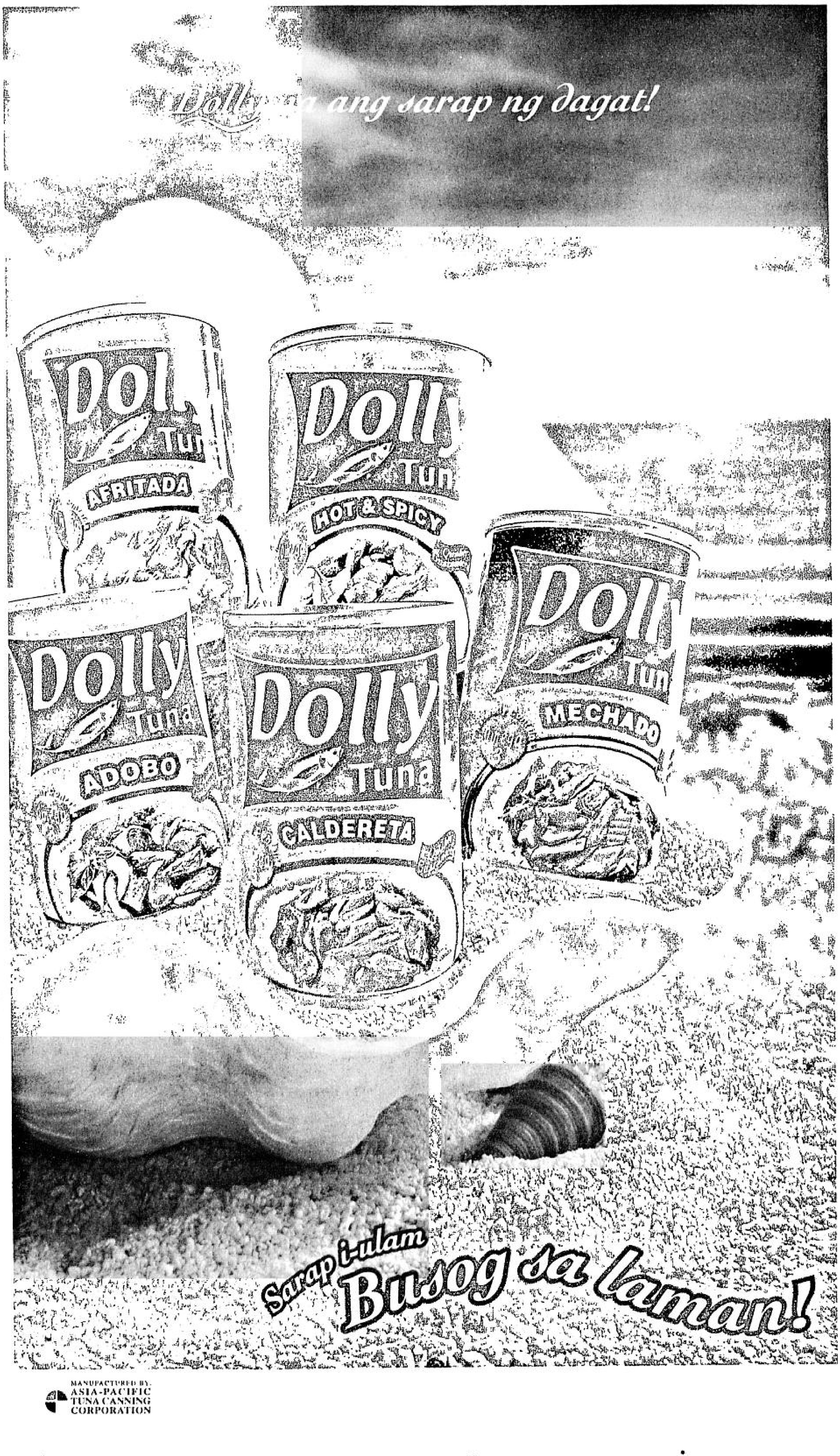

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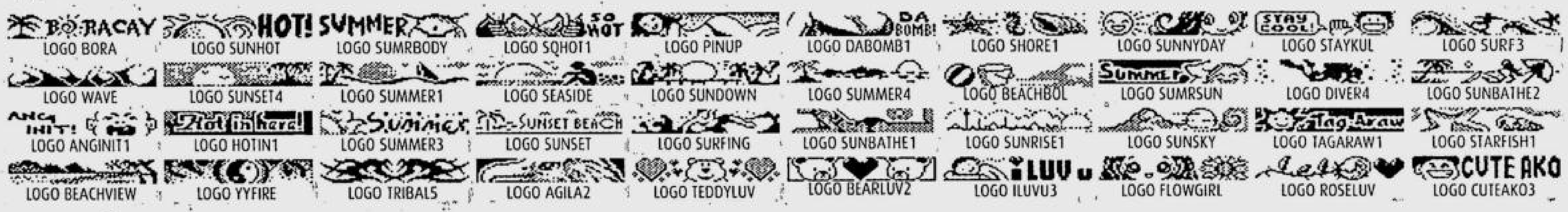
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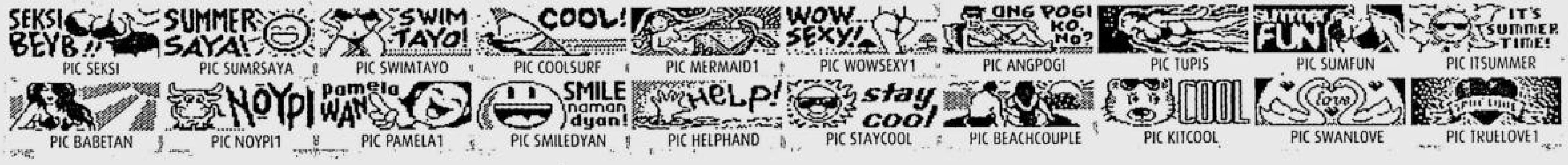
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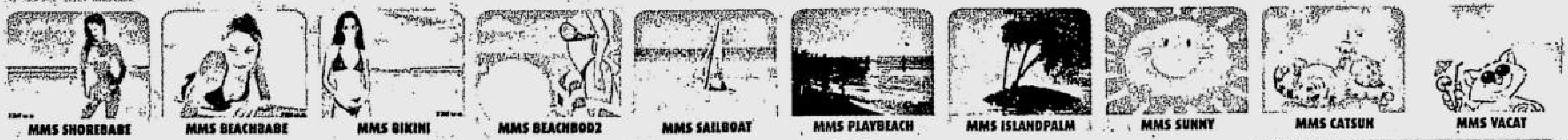
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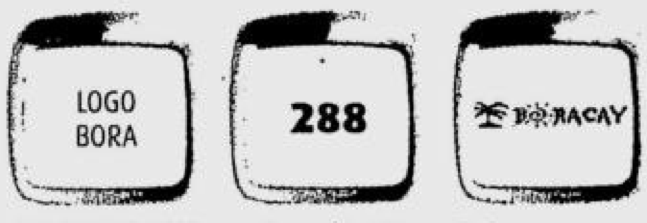

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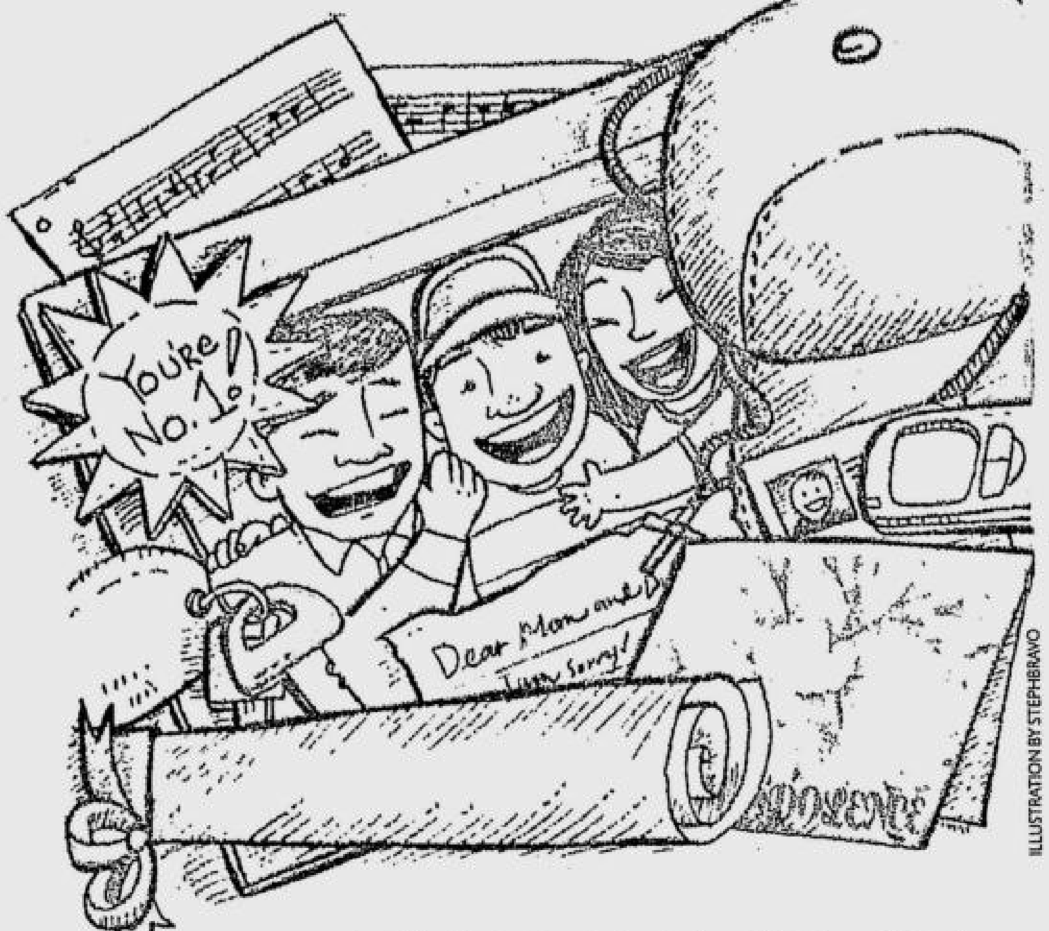
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To be young, gifted and depressed

By Cathy Babao Guballa
Contributor

LIKE the proverbial thief in the night, suicide shatters every family that it touches. More so when it is a teener who passes away.

When suicide takes place, everyone—friends, family, classmates—is left grappling, trying to make sense of the tragedy that has suddenly taken place.

Recent months have shown an alarming rise in the number of adolescent and young adult suicides, their stories often exaggerated, circulating around the schools and universities where these young people once belonged to.

Then there are the suicides which are made public due to the nature or stature of the families involved.

Suicide is defined as the decision to deliberately end one's life. In the United States, suicide is the second leading cause of death among children and adolescents. In the Philippines, according to Dr. Liza Espinosa-Rondain, a psychiatrist at the Makati Medical Center and Center for Family Ministries (Cefam) at the Ateneo de Manila University, statistics show that completed suicide more often than not takes place among 18- to 27-year-olds, and that 37 percent of suicide attempts are completed.

Rondain adds that the most common methods used are those of hanging and poisoning. Peak periods are reported to be during Christmas, February and the opening of a new school year.

"There are much more stressors and expectations, especially when it comes to adolescent relationships, during these periods," Rondain explains.

Myths about suicide

She further cites several myths associated with teen suicide.

The first myth is that people who talk about or threaten suicide don't really mean it. "Parents and friends need to be sensitive and should take this kind of talk seriously," she stresses.

It is also untrue that suicides frequently occur out of the blue, that thoughts of suicide are temporary states of mind, and that whatever crisis young people will go through will pass.

"More often than not, the suicide has long been considered and there has been a period of depression prior to it. Again, the people around the adolescent need to be sensitive to the signs and signals being given," says Rondain.

Lastly, it is a myth that suicide attempts won't be repeated again because of shame. Rondain says statistics show that four out of five—indeed, a high rate—try again.

"Closer monitoring is really a must for those who have been caught attempting suicide. Just because you were able to catch it [the first time] doesn't mean [the suicidal person] is already safe," she says.

Cordova study

Noted clinical psychologist and University of the Philippines professor Dr. Ma. Lourdes Arellano-Carandang recently wrote a paper about the family dynamics of Filipino adolescents in crisis.

> Parents need to listen closely to the songs of young people to get a clearer picture of the 'secret' world of troubled adolescents

In one part of her paper, she zeroes in on families with adolescent suicides. Carandang based her findings on an in-depth multiple case study of the dynamics of five Filipino families with completed suicides written by Cordova for an unpublished master's thesis at the Ateneo in 2003.

She says, "In the families studied, the teenagers who killed themselves could be said to be the ones who embodied the family myth or the ones who followed their parents' covert rules and wanted to fulfill their dreams. They were considered a favorite or considered as an ideal son/daughter. They also served as confidantes of their mothers. These indicate that they functioned as family caretakers. This finding concurs with the concept of *tagasalo*."

In other words, these young people wanted to help the family in some way and make their parents happy, but felt they failed.

Carandang also says they had at least one parent who had a very difficult childhood, and at least one parent who did not express emotions, is very strict, and was a perfectionist and very difficult to please.

"Fear was used to discipline the children and all made use of physical punishment," Carandang says. Most of them had children who kept secrets from the family and the family had members who did not discuss problems and conflicts with each other. All considered school/academic success as very important.

A salient observation that Carandang makes is that the family where the adolescent suicide takes place is often closed and isolated, and not connected with outsiders.

"The adolescent... is at that stage where he or she wants to explore, to seek autonomy, to separate from parents and seek outside connections, [but] then feels trapped and sees no other way out," she says.

Steps to take

She suggests that parents listen closely to the songs of the youth so as to get a clearer picture of their child's "inner sanctum," the "secret" world of the troubled adolescent.

"Their songs are often masked by loud melodies, but if you pay closer attention to the lyrics, you will better understand what goes on in their hearts," Carandang notes.

Rondain suggests that if a parent or a friend suspects a potential suicide case, it is best to trust one's suspicions and seek help.

"Tell the person that you are worried and listen to what s/he has to say. Ask direct questions and if there is a plan, but don't act

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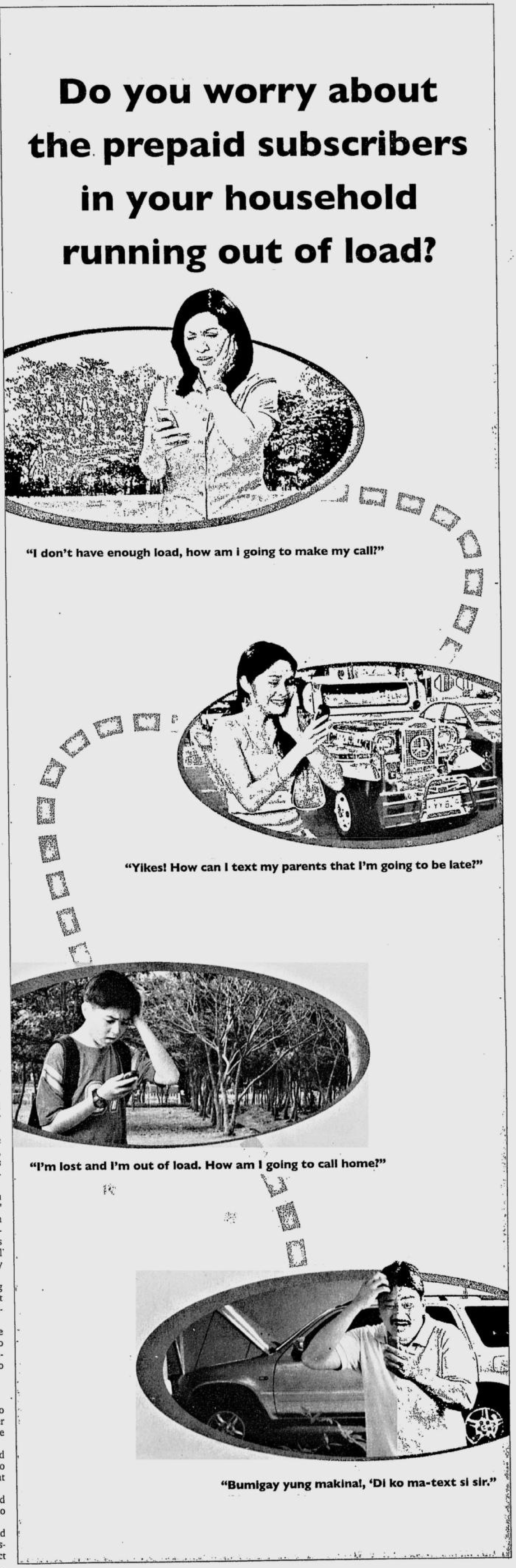
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To be young, gifted and depressed

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shocked when the person tells you about it," she says.

"Don't debate on whether it is right or wrong, and never promise to keep the youngster's intention a secret. You also have to ensure that s/he will be safe until you are able to notify an appropriate adult who is responsible for the teener's care."

Rondain also adds that it is important to give assurance that something is being done and that the troubled person can call for help anytime.

"After the risk is overcome, you need to monitor closely, as many suicide attempts recur three months after the initial attempt," she explains.

Carandang's paper, on the other hand, provides some insights and recommendations for parents and families with adolescents so as to prevent trouble from further escalating. Adults, she says, need to go beyond the façade of indifference and break that wall to see the intense emotions inside their children.

"Just like their songs with loud 'turn-off' melodies, you will find the meaningful lyrics once you go beyond the 'noise,'" she says. An adolescent also needs to be "touched emotionally" by at least one significant adult. "Someone who values them or to whom they know they matter," she says.

The myth of "all for the family" or "for the family only" can prevent the adolescent and other members from expressing themselves, seeking autonomy and identity and leading a healthy life for themselves.

"Balancing family with individual concerns is important in the adolescent stage," says Carandang.

Family members, especially fathers, need to find ways to reach out to their adolescent children effectively. Parents need to be aware of adolescent need for approval and affirmation even if the adolescents do not show it.

"They also still look for limits from their parents, but this should be done in a respectful and not insulting manner. The adolescent must be given a say, a role in his or her own development in the spirit of genuine participation," Carandang concludes.

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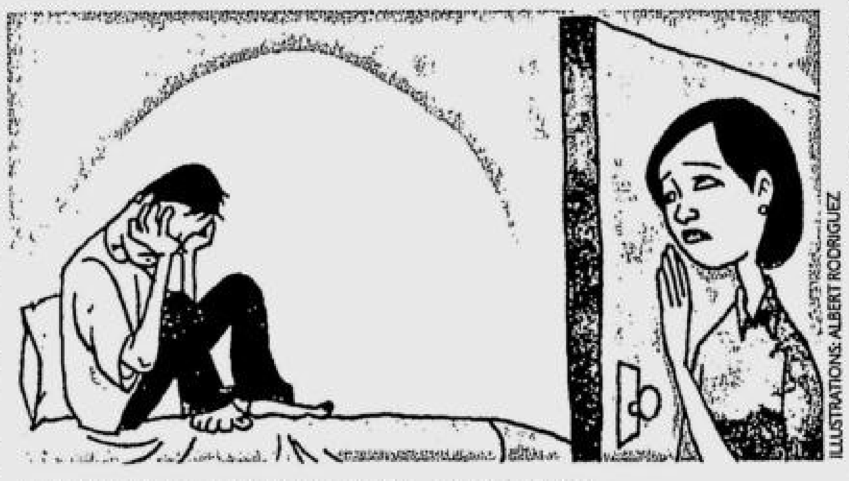
Telltale signs and what to do



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A PARENT, caregiver or friend should look out for the following signs that a person might be contemplating suicide:

- High feeling of ambivalence or inner conflict
- Call for help in some way, which is usually indirect
- Verbal clues or spoken or written statements that are direct or indirect
- Behavioral clues, such as slashing of wrists, giving away personal belongings, etc.
- Syndromatic clues such as severe depression, loneliness, hopelessness and a general dissatisfaction with life

If you suspect a potential suicide case:

- It is best to trust your suspicions and seek help.
- Tell the person that you are worried and listen to what s/he has to say.
- Ask direct questions and find out if there is a plan, but don't be shocked by any admission.
- Don't debate on whether it is right or wrong.
- Never promise to keep the intent to commit suicide a secret.
- Ensure the person's safety until an adult who is responsible for the person's care is notified.
- Give assurance that something is being done and that the troubled person can call for help anytime.
- Monitor closely even after the risk is overcome; suicide is usually attempted again three months after the initial attempt.

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'Missionaries' overcome la

Text and photos by Linda B. Bolido

INDIAN-BORN Dr. Amir Sitafalwalla, an expert in internal medicine, glanced at a small piece of paper in front of him, put the end of his stethoscope on a woman's chest and asked her, "*Ginhawa.*" That's Ilonggo for take a deep breath. Almost right across from him, blond Dr. John Doolan, a foot/neck surgeon, looked at his own *kodigo* and greeted his patient, "*Maayong aga*. (Good morning.)"

The two doctors were among those who joined a contingent of New York-based Filipino doctors who conducted a medical mission in the second congressional district of Negros Occidental. Later, the team also attended to indigent patients in Marinduque and Manila. Organized by the New York-based Filipino-American Medical Inc. (Fami), the mission treated hundreds of indigent patients and distributed medicines.

Doctors, nurses and other medical workers from New York, assisted by several local health people, held consultations for three-days in Bago City, one day in Marinduque and two days in Manila.

In Negros Occidental, a surgical team from the Makati Medical Center operated for free on hernia, goiter, boil and even did one or two hysterectomies (surgical removal of a woman's uterus). The Philippine Association of Ophthalmologists (Western Visayas chapter) removed cataract and implanted corrective lenses, also for free.

Fami brought the medicines and medical supplies, provided by four to five sponsors, from New York.

Milestone

Now on its sixth year, Fami was started by couple Meneleus and Niles Perlas, administrator and chair, respectively, of the organization. Niles, a surgical nurse in New York, said she decided in 1999 to mark a milestone, her 50th birthday, by doing something different and significant—try to help Filipinos back home. Her husband, a businessman, helped her set up Fami, which drew the enthusiastic support of their *kababayan* in New York.

During the first two years, the missions were purely surgical. The medical aspect —consultation and diagnosis—started four years ago.

Niles said Fami had over 300 members. A board decided where in the Philippines to send a mission based on requests, which had poured in after the group started its project. The choice is made on a first-come, first-served basis, she said. However, since surgeries needed even the most basic of medical facilities, the chosen destination had to have a hospital where volunteers could operate. In Bago City, the mission had the use of the brand-new and still-to-be completed hospital.

Volunteers were recruited by word of mouth. In the six years Fami had been going on medical missions, several had participated at least twice. Meneleus said for the volunteers, joining the mission entailed some sacrifice, as they had to give up their vacations and work in places with only the most basic—and hardly up-to-date—equipment. Doctors from both Manila and the beneficiary city or province beefed up the contingent.

Coordinating the mission was Marietta Santos in Manila and, in Negros Occidental,

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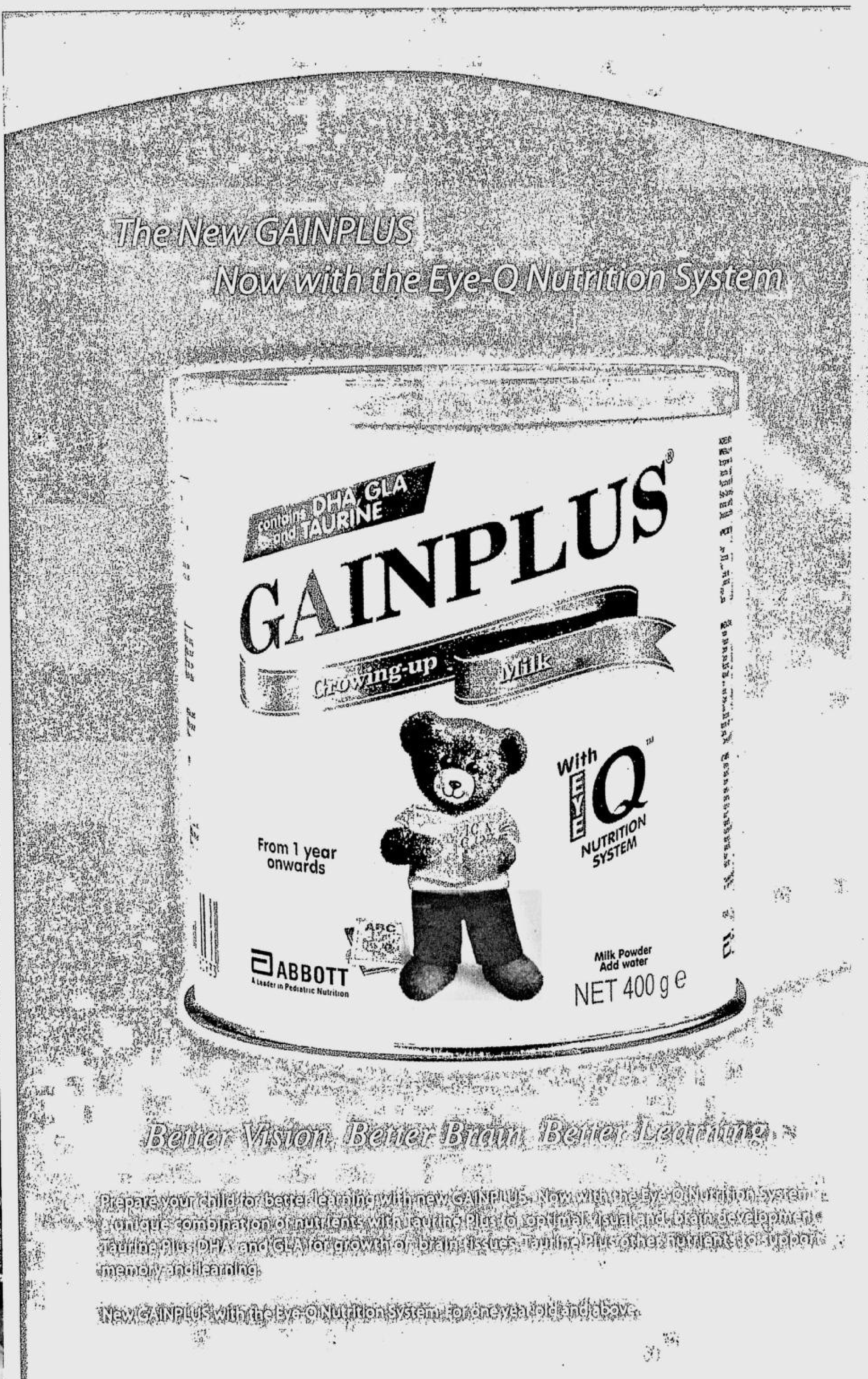
A WOMAN is carried by a relative to a volunteer doctor's consulting desk.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FOOT/NECK surgeon Dr. John Doolan interviews a patient with the help of a student of the Bago City College.

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A LOCAL volunteer checks the weight of patients for their medical charts.

On a medical mission in Negros Occidental, foreign doctors learn Ilonggo to better relate to patients

From page G4

Marilou Arroyo, sister of President Macapagal Arroyo's husband, Mike.

Both Drs. Sitafalwalla and Doolan were with the mission for the second time. Were they not worried that language might have gotten in the way of accurate diagnosis? Dr. Sitafalwalla said translation was fairly good (the doctors were assisted by Health Aid students of the Bago City College as part of their practical training) and they were experienced enough as doctors to read telltale signs of medical problems.

Frustration

But occasionally, their patience was tried. Dr. Doolan's voice rose an octave in frustration as he explained that he could only give a 75-year-old woman, who had not walked for a year because it pained her to move her limbs, medication to ease her pain but not to regain the use of her legs and feet. He suspected a hip fracture probably from a fall but without an X-ray, he could not be sure.

Pediatrician Dr. Philip Cruz found out that for mothers, every respiratory distress in their children was asthma. Although he told most mothers with "asthmatic" children that the problem would disappear even without medication, he did see some cases of pneumonia, primary complex (the beginnings of tuberculosis) and a couple of congenital heart problems.

At least two people were found to have blood sugar levels so high they no longer registered in the test kits brought by the team of medical technician Romeo Reyes. The machines only registered levels up to 400. Reyes said he was surprised the two were still up and about when their sugar levels should have kept them in bed.

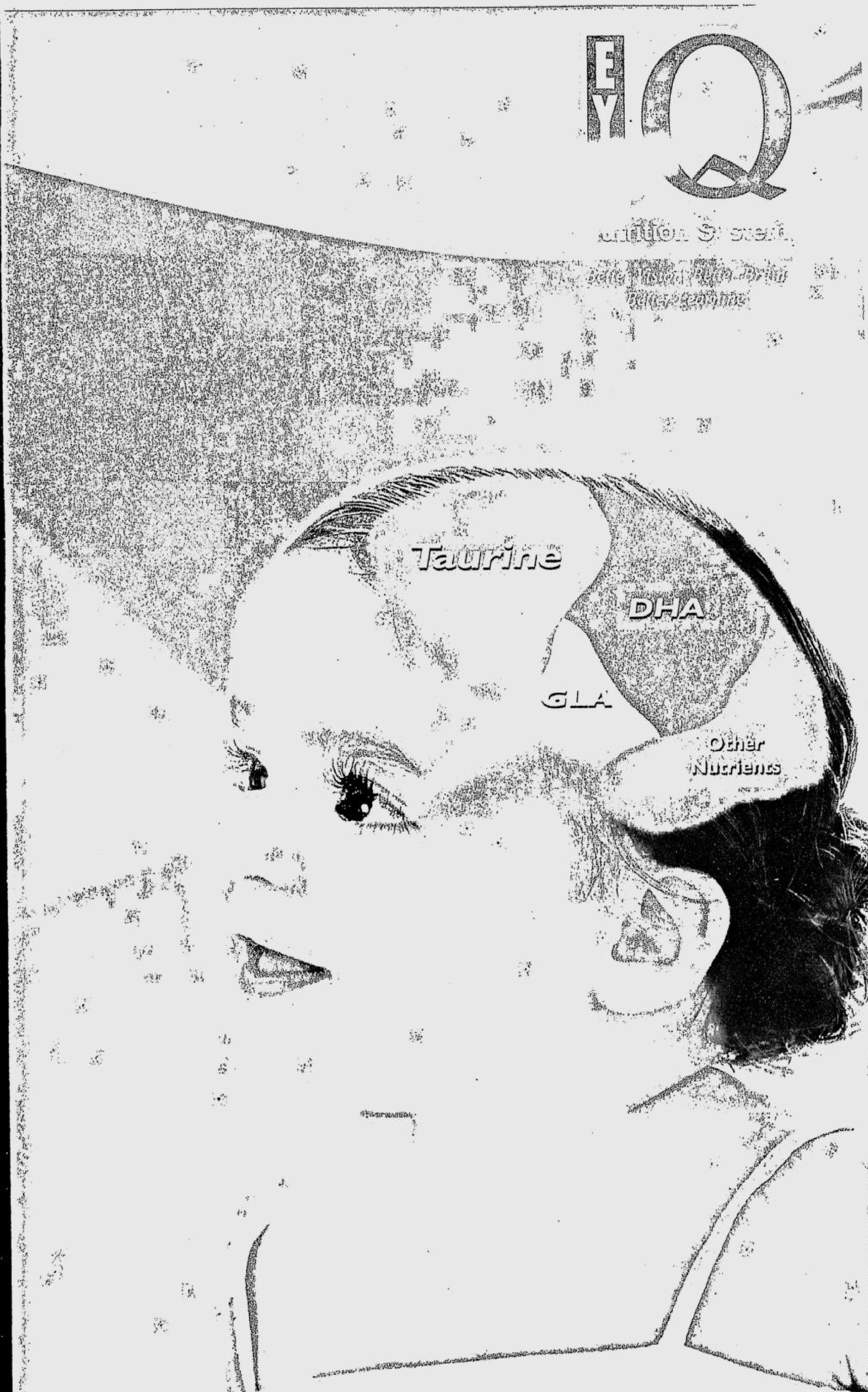
Local volunteer Dr. Antonio Protacio found himself coping with more than a medical problem. A woman did not need professional attention but was looking for help in putting behind bars the rapist of her teenage daughter.

Many of the people the Fami medical mission saw did not really have any specific health problems in need of attention. They simply wanted to take advantage of the chance to see a medical professional that included even specialists like Dr. Lestrino Baquiran, a leading heart specialist in New York. Several of them confessed they found it inconvenient and time-consuming to visit even government health centers and so simply ignored aches and pains.

Others were simply there to get the free vitamins and basic medicines the mission brought.

Whatever their reason, the visit was a fulfilling experience for Fami volunteers and their friends, one that they were willing to repeat whenever they could.

A NEGRENSE volunteer from the Philippine Association of Ophthalmologists (Western Visayas chapter) administers the visual acuity test to a patient.



Kiddie tools that make learning fun

THE SECOND Mom Pre-School in Pasig City aims to meet the developmental needs of young children in group care through a developmental interaction approach, which recognizes that a child's curiosity and wonder are limitless.

Thus, it offers its young wards meaningful learning opportunities to develop skills, competencies, a sense of self and a foundation for learning throughout life.

One of the methods used is the provision of different activity areas in the classroom—art, drama, blocks, sensory experiences and manipulatives. And when it comes to the manipulatives area, "Lego is the bestseller," says Jenny Mapua-Banal, owner and founder of Second Mom Pre-School.

Coming from the Mapua family of educators, Banal is hands-on when it comes to her school. Recognizing that learning is a continuous process, she does her share of acquiring knowledge by keeping abreast of the latest trends in teaching, particularly in the preschool level.

Second Mom stresses the importance of materials in the classroom and favors open-ended materials (where children's unlimited creativity is stimulated and enhanced). The school is set up to look like a home as much as possible, with furniture that's comfortable for adults as well kids.

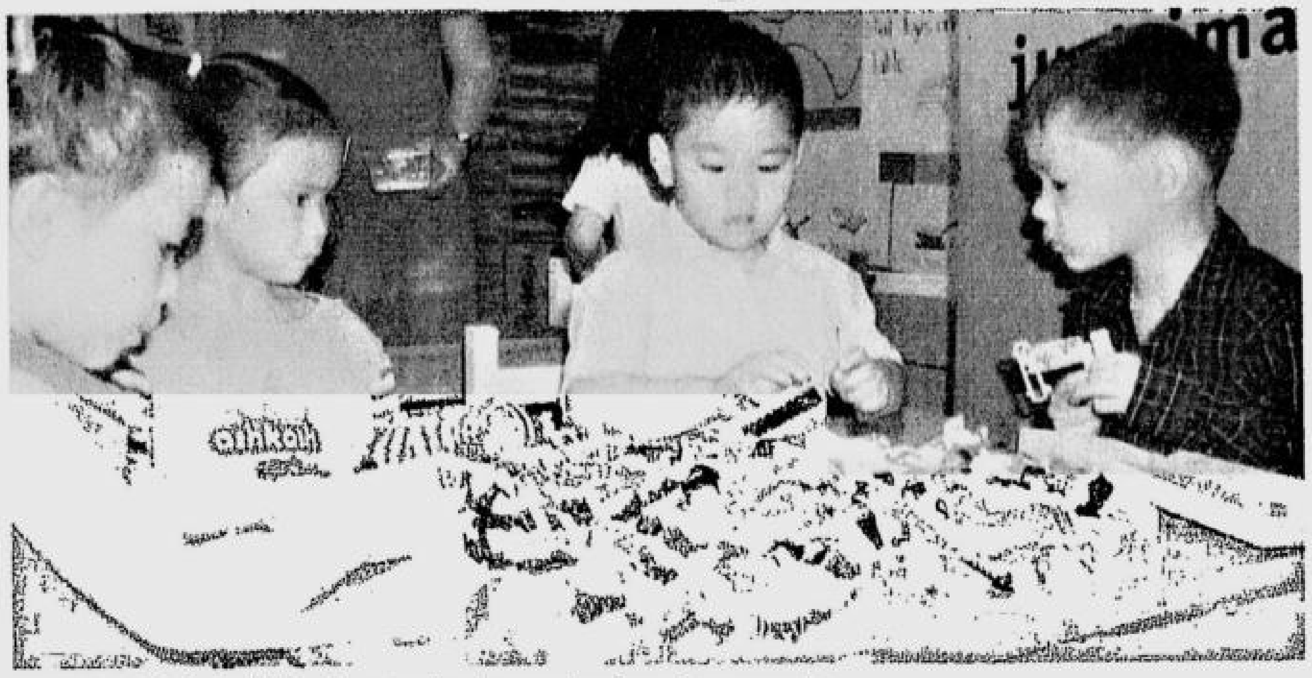
It is also one of the many schools that taps Lego's versatility and educational value to the full. Not only is Lego used for motor development and creative expression, it is also used for math concepts such as sorting, patterning, graphic counting, estimation, measurement and simple addition. It is the perfect open-ended tool for teachers to use in helping children learn and grow while having fun at the same time.

Lego's bright colors also make learning easier, as the desire to explore the environment for bold colors is insatiable among young kids. Matching Lego bricks by size, shape, color and quantity helps nurture their numerical skills.

These unique characteristics are what make Lego the perfect building block for learning.

Process over product is the essence of Second Mom's way of teaching young learners. Each child is valued as a unique individual with a particular pattern of growth and manner of acquiring knowledge and skills.

This is a philosophy truly in sync with Lego, which encourages each kid to simply play on. Call 6352002 or 6354743.



LEGO blocks help in children's motor development and creative expression.

SpongeBob
SquarePants

Meet SpongeBob SquarePants and his friends

CATCH Nickelodeon's animated hit series "SpongeBob SquarePants" live as he and his friends surface in the Philippines for their first-ever musical extravaganza, "SpongeBob Bikini Bottom Bash."

Launched at the Ayala Mall in Glorietta, the musical show includes Spongebob SquarePants' best friend Patrick Starfish, Patchy the Pirate and other surprise guests.

The "SpongeBob Bikini Bottom Bash" is an interactive, energetic, play-along show that will appeal to kids of all ages. So, grab your friends and stroll along Ayala Malls today. Spongebob SquarePants and his pals will take you on an underwater adventure to Bikini Bottom through games, songs and dances.

A full range of SpongeBob SquarePants apparel and other merchandise will be available in today's show in Ayala Mall, Glorietta and on April 23, 24, 25 at Alabang Town Center. Cebu kids will also get to meet SpongeBob SquarePants and friends when they bring the "Bikini Bottom Bash" to Ayala Center-Cebu on April 30, May 1 and 2.

SpongeBob SquarePants premiered as a television series in 1999 and has since become one of the most-watched TV programs among kids and adults around the world. In the Philippines, Spongebob SquarePants airs daily on Nickelodeon.

Everyone is invited to have fun as Nickelodeon heats up the summer with your most-loved characters. Have a splash in the "SpongeBob SquarePants Bikini Bottom Bash." Admission is free.

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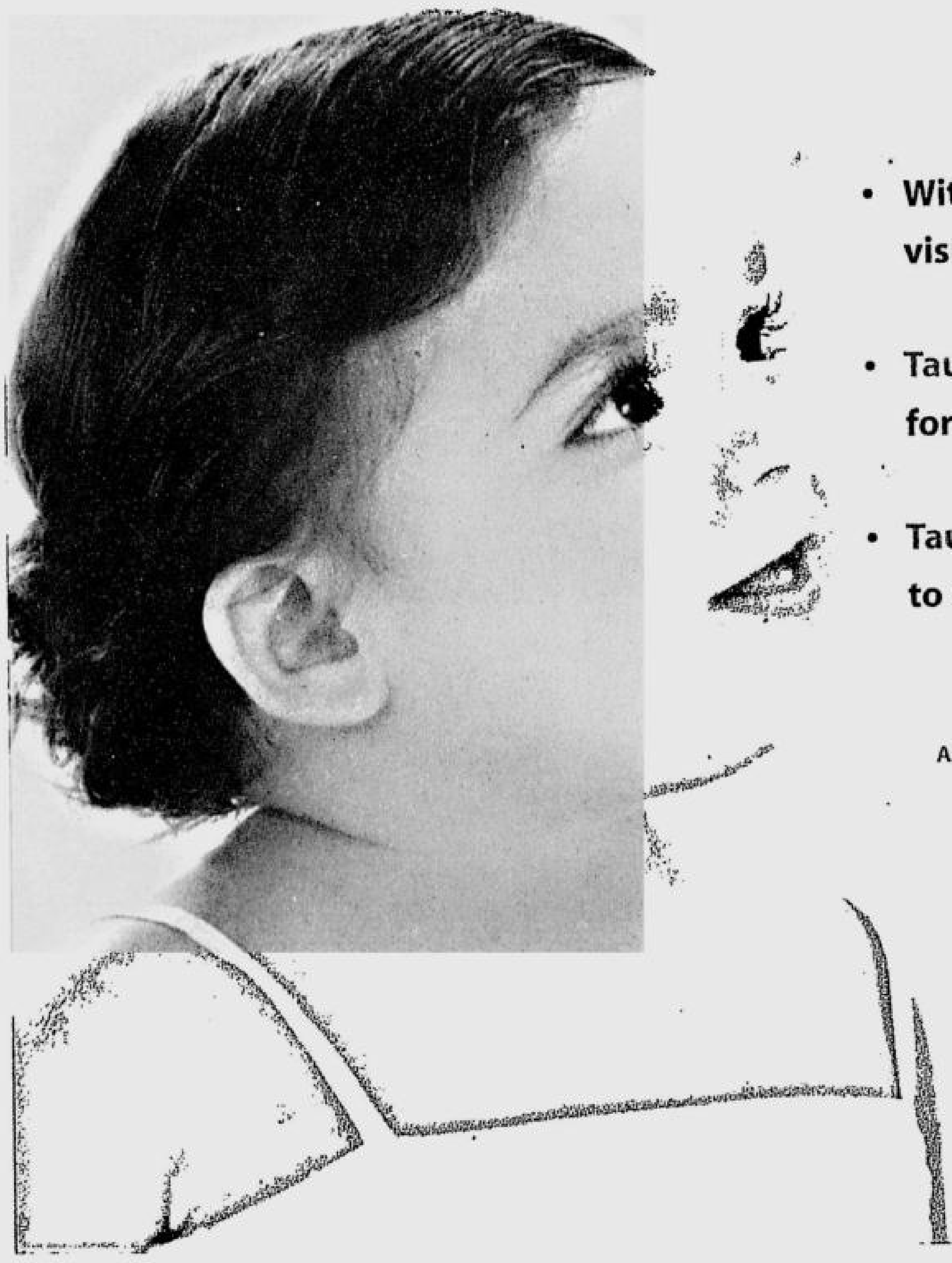

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Married woman still loves first boyfriend

LIVE AND LET LIVE

Tita Dulce

DEAR Tita Dulce,

Your column two weeks ago talked about spending years lamenting wrong decisions. That's what I have been doing the past 11 years, since I married a man I didn't—and don't—really love.

I only married him because he got me pregnant. We now have two kids, but I'm still in love with Ric, my first boyfriend.

I am now here in Singapore, while Ric is there in the Philippines, but we remain so much in love with each other that we are still in touch up to now. I want very much to marry him and grow old with him.

Ric and I never had sex. He had so much respect for me. And to avoid sinning with me, he got married, too, six years after I got hitched. But even without sex involved, I feel I am having an extramarital affair.

Maybe we should have simply stopped ourselves long ago, but we have gotten quite used to knowing we are here for each other. I can't let Ric out of my life.

So as not to hurt our families, Ric and I keep our relationship a secret. The tension and my misery still show, though. I'm always irritated with my husband, and I have never been kind to him. One time our eldest child asked me if I didn't love her Dad because, she said, I was always picking a fight with him. I replied jokingly that I didn't. In my heart, however, I spoke the truth.

Sometimes I just wish I were dead so that Ric and my husband would be free of me.

UNFAITHFUL

In Greek mythology, Hades, the god of the underworld, punished a king named Sisyphus by having the latter roll up a huge boulder uphill. Every time Sisyphus neared the top, the stone would roll down and he had to start all over again.

You and Ric remind me of Sisyphus. Every time the two of you get in touch through a letter, e-mail or phone, you feel you are just an inch away from the top of your love's hill. But you never quite get to the top, because the letter, the e-mail or the phone call always has to end. Then the boulder rolls down again, and you are back with your respective families and your respective realities.

And then you start rolling the boulder up the hill once again, looking forward to the time when the two of you will be united not just emotionally but physically as well. But you'll never get there, not as long as you have your marriages and consciences to respect.

It is significant, I think, that this thing has dragged on for 11 years. Had you and Ric believed that your love for each other was what mattered most, then the two of you would have gotten together physically long ago.

You stayed apart this long because, I think, you both knew it would be terribly wrong, and it would not make you happy in the end, to sacrifice your marriages, your children and your honor for the sake of your affair.

It is not some god's power that causes your boulder to roll downhill. It is your abiding sense of right and wrong and fairness. And perhaps it is no longer love that keeps you and Ric pushing that boulder uphill. Maybe a frustrated dream or a runaway projection of "what-ifs" makes you think that the romance you had was sweet and your marriages are sour.

I suggest that you two push that boulder up one last time, bid each other goodbye near the top, then let the boulder roll down and leave it there.

Devoting yourself to the reality of your marriage does not necessarily mean that you would be living with a man that you don't love or can't love. If you truly do not love your husband, or if he is not a lovable person at all, you would have left him long ago, Ric or no Ric, children or no children.

I think there is much to be said in favor of a husband who, for more than a decade now, has been keeping his wedding vow to love and cherish you despite your giving him more bad times than good times.

How much time should you spend finding out if your marriage will work? You gave Ric 11 years of your marriage. I think it's only fair that you also give your spouse and your marriage at least 11 years to prove their worth.

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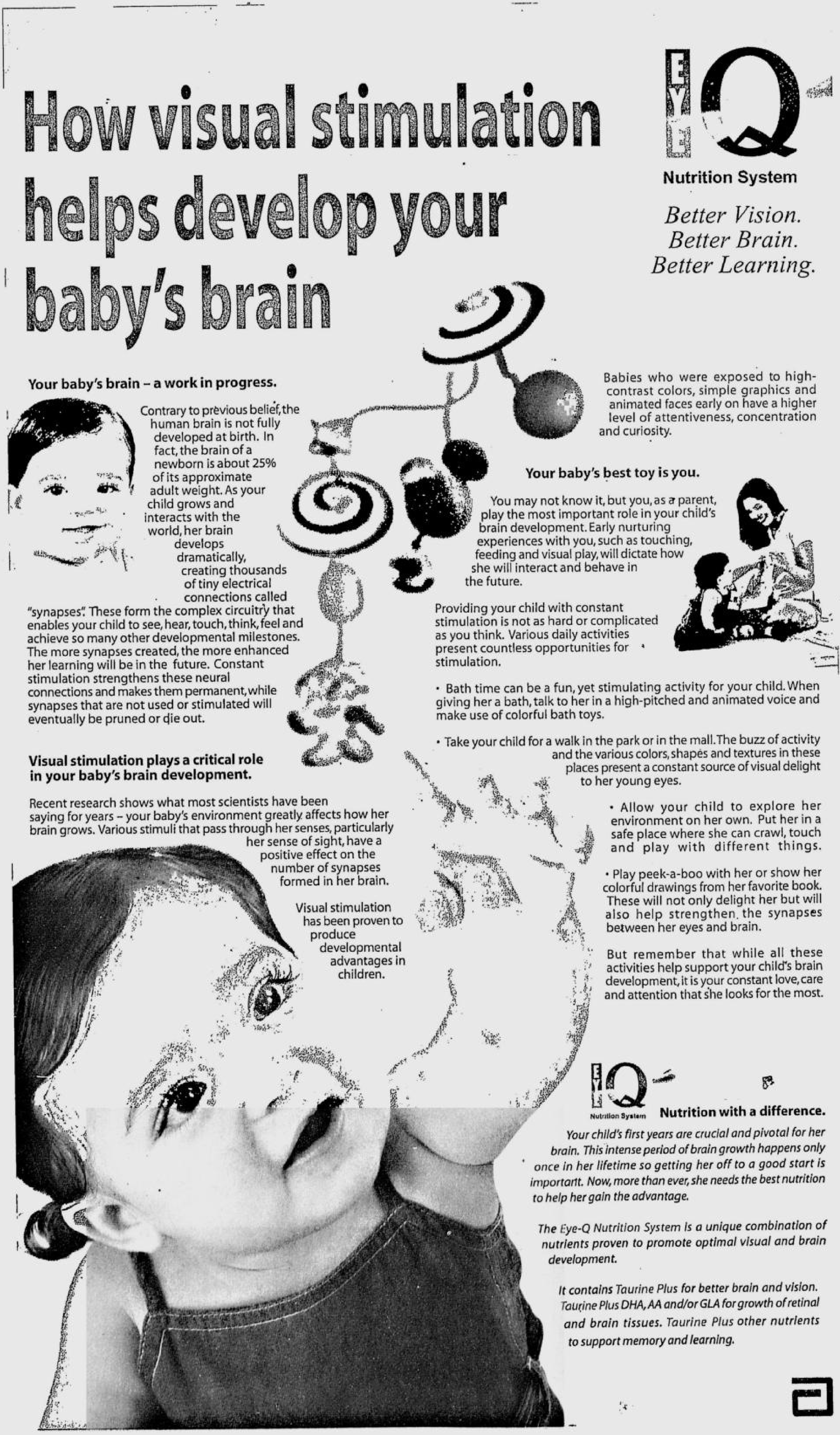
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How visual stimulation helps develop your baby's brain

Your baby's brain – a work in progress.

Contrary to previous belief, the human brain is not fully developed at birth. In fact, the brain of a newborn is about 25% of its approximate adult weight. As your child grows and interacts with the world, her brain develops dramatically, creating thousands of tiny electrical connections called "synapses". These form the complex circuitry that enables your child to see, hear, touch, think, feel and achieve so many other developmental milestones. The more synapses created, the more enhanced her learning will be in the future. Constant stimulation strengthens these neural connections and makes them permanent, while synapses that are not used or stimulated will eventually be pruned or die out.

Visual stimulation plays a critical role in your baby's brain development.

Recent research shows what most scientists have been saying for years – your baby's environment greatly affects how her brain grows. Various stimuli that pass through her senses, particularly her sense of sight, have a positive effect on the number of synapses formed in her brain.

Visual stimulation has been proven to produce developmental advantages in children.

Babies who were exposed to high-contrast colors, simple graphics and animated faces early on have a higher level of attentiveness, concentration and curiosity.

Your baby's best toy is you.

You may not know it, but you, as a parent, play the most important role in your child's brain development. Early nurturing experiences with you, such as touching, feeding and visual play, will dictate how she will interact and behave in the future.

Providing your child with constant stimulation is not as hard or complicated as you think. Various daily activities present countless opportunities for stimulation.

- Bath time can be a fun, yet stimulating activity for your child. When giving her a bath, talk to her in a high-pitched and animated voice and make use of colorful bath toys.
- Take your child for a walk in the park or in the mall. The buzz of activity and the various colors, shapes and textures in these places present a constant source of visual delight to her young eyes.
- Allow your child to explore her environment on her own. Put her in a safe place where she can crawl, touch and play with different things.
- Play peek-a-boo with her or show her colorful drawings from her favorite book. These will not only delight her but will also help strengthen the synapses between her eyes and brain.

But remember that while all these activities help support your child's brain development, it is your constant love, care and attention that she looks for the most.

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Divine Mercy feast today

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"Pope John Paul II canonized St. Faustina in Rome on Apr. 30, 2000, and declared that the second Sunday of Easter be celebrated as Divine Mercy Sunday for the Universal Church."

Divine Mercy's promise

Jesus said when one went to Confession and Holy Communion on the feast of the Divine Mercy, he would be granted complete remission of his sins.

And since the Divine Mercy is the ultimate recourse for our needs, Jesus gave this prayer, saying He would not deny any request made through it.

Prayer to the Divine Mercy

"O Heavenly Father, O God of beauty, of Love. I abandon to you my soul. Pour forth Your divine spirit of mercy, and shed Your love on me by creating Your beauty in me.

"Master of Mercy, have mercy on me, a poor sinner. Allow me to sing hymns of praise with the cherubim and seraphim of angels in Your kingdom of everlasting peace.

"Do not deny me Your Mercy, for I give You my heart this day. Unite my heart to Yours and protect me in Your cloak of purity.

"Today is a new beginning. I ask mercy from You, my God, as I have mercy on myself and others!

"Grant me the favor of Your everlasting peace.

"Have mercy on me this day and for eternity... Amen... Amen!"

Fiesta Masses

Archbishop Gaudencio Rosales will say the Mass at the Archdiocesan Shrine today, 7 a.m., to be aired live over Channel 2. Also saying Mass are Bishop Deogracias Iñiguez, 9 a.m.; Bishop Raul Martinez, 10:30 a.m.; Bishop Manuel Sobreviñas, 12 nn; Bishop Socrates Villegas, 1:30 p.m.; Bishop Carlito Cenzon, 3 p.m.; Bishop Honesto Ongtioco, 4:30 p.m.; Bishop Jesse Mercado, 6 p.m.; and Bishop Francisco San Diego, 7:30 p.m. Confessions will be heard 7 a.m.-7 p.m.

Papal award recipient

I was honored to meet Ambassador Francisco Alba in Rome, the week of the beatification of Mother Theresa in October. I knew him as the founder of Prudentialife 26 years ago. Prudentialife reached out to the less privileged through outreach programs.

As Philippine ambassador to the Vatican for two years, Alba attended to the needs of overseas Filipino workers in Italy. When he left in February, the Holy Father conferred on him the Ensign of the Grand Cross of the Order of Pope Pius IX, who instituted the award during his first year as Pope in 1847.

Alba said: "When I presented my credentials to him, I felt I was walking on air. It's a fantastic feeling meeting the Vicar of Christ in person; you can feel his aura, his holiness."

Priest needs help

I met Fr. Danny "Butch" Fajardo in 1993 in Sorsogon. He was paralyzed from the neck down after a car accident on his way to concelebrate Mass in Casiguran, Sorsogon. Compounding his suffering, he suffers from kidney failure and has to undergo dialysis for the rest of his life twice a week at a cost of P7,000.

Though wheelchair-bound, his mind remains sharp. He celebrates Mass daily with the help of a nun to a small group of elderly and disabled parishioners in Sorsogon. He also hears confessions and does counseling.

I would like to appeal to benefactors for the dialysis expenses of Father Butch. The diocese of Sorsogon has been supporting his medical expenses but it also needs assistance. You can reach Father Butch at (0919) 2059896 or the bishop's residence, tel. (056) 2111939.

I am praying for you, Father Butch, that God will perform a miracle and you will be cured. God bless you!

Divine Mercy feast today

PURELY PERSONAL

Josephine Darang

TODAY is the feast of Jesus, the Divine Mercy. In Sister Maria Faustina Kowalska's vision on Feb. 22, 1931, Jesus said the first Sunday after Easter be celebrated as Feast of the Divine Mercy.

Fr. Carlos Reyes of the Archdiocesan Shrine of the Divine Mercy in Mandaluyong says this year's theme is "The Merciful Heart of the Disciple," drawn from a diary entry of St. Faustina that says:

"The two rays denote blood and water. The pale ray stands for water which makes souls righteous. The red ray stands for blood which is the life of souls... These two rays issued forth from the very depths of my tender mercy when my agonized heart was opened by a lance on the Cross."

John the Evangelist said one of the soldiers pierced His side with a lance and immediately there came out blood and water (John 19:34).

The painting of the Divine Mercy shows the two rays emanating from Jesus' breast.

Father Carlos writes: "In the evening of Feb. 22, 1931, Sister Faustina saw a vision of the Lord clothed in a white garment with one hand raised in a gesture of blessing while the other was touching the garment at the breast. The Lord instructed her to paint an image of the vision with the signature 'Jesus, I trust in You.' Our Lord manifested His desire that the Image be venerated in their chapel and throughout the world.

"What followed after was a movement of devotees and apostles of the Divine Mercy who would lead people to a renewal of Christian life in an evangelical spirit of childlike confidence in God and love of neighbor.

"Worn out and weakened by tuberculosis, Sister Faustina died in Krakow on Oct. 5, 1938, at the age of 33. She left us her diary which was at first... prohibited literature. Later on, Karol Cardinal Wojtyla, the then Archbishop of Krakow, lifted the ban and recommended its perusal.

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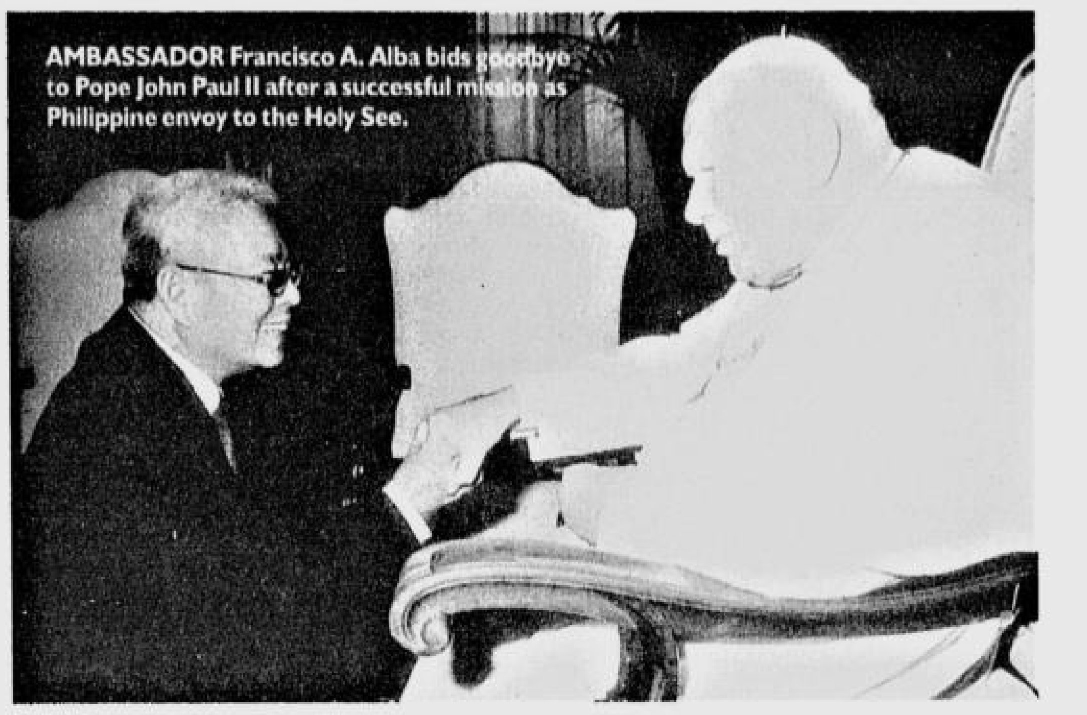

AMBASSADOR Francisco A. Alba bids goodbye to Pope John Paul II after a successful mission as Philippine envoy to the Holy See.

VIERA:
THE LATEST EXPRESSION OF SAN FRANCISCO LIVING AT BRITTANY BAY

Brittany Corporation, the property development maverick specializing in uniquely themed properties, launches its first foray into condominiums with Viera at Brittany Bay in Sucat.

Viera, the newest addition to Brittany Bay, rises as the residential-commercial lifescape with novel features in condominium design.

Nestled in the Brittany Bay community, Viera offers the utmost privacy while affording the benefits of fellowship with its neighboring communities in La Posada, Victorianne Row and soon, the Presidio.

Uniquely themed as it is with all Brittany Corporation properties, Viera takes inspiration from the famous Victorian community of San Francisco in California. This is reflected in the architectural design, spacing, and harmonious blending of carefully shaded structures and the choice foliage.

cafes, and restaurants along the path entices you for coffee or lunch with friends. Everything is just a short walk away through the brick pathways or the walkways connecting all five buildings.

Experience the luxury of space as each floor of Viera accommodates only an average of six units. The whole mid-rise is like a small cozy neighborhood with a maximum of 100 to 120 tenants. And from the balcony on the other side of the bedroom, they can all enjoy a spectacular view of the sunrise from Laguna de Bay.

Choose from 1-bedroom (39 sq. m.), 2-bedroom (60 sq. m.), 3-bedroom (78 sq. m.), and 4-bedroom (117 sq. m.) units.

The buildings of Viera feature Victorian designs evident in bay windows and cornices as inspired by San Franciscan homes.

Elegant facades, soft pastel shades, flat canopies, bay windows and distinctive roof shingles adorn the condominiums. Initially, five condominiums of varying heights will soon rise to form a multi-tiered skyline. On the ground, greenery-accented paths weave its way around the five buildings giving shade and a refreshing sight.

Access to Viera is easy with multiple and clearly visible entry points. A choice of

Viera at Brittany Bay lives up to its unique theme, as it soon becomes the condominium that caters to what you value most—privacy, style, and community.

And on April 18, 2004, Sunday, Viera begins to rise at Brittany Bay, Sucat. A Property Preview from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. puts on display Victorian elegance in a condominium that's part of a community.

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For your sense of style, Viera takes inspiration from Victorian architecture.

For your sense of community, Viera is set in the middle of the Brittany Bay neighborhood.

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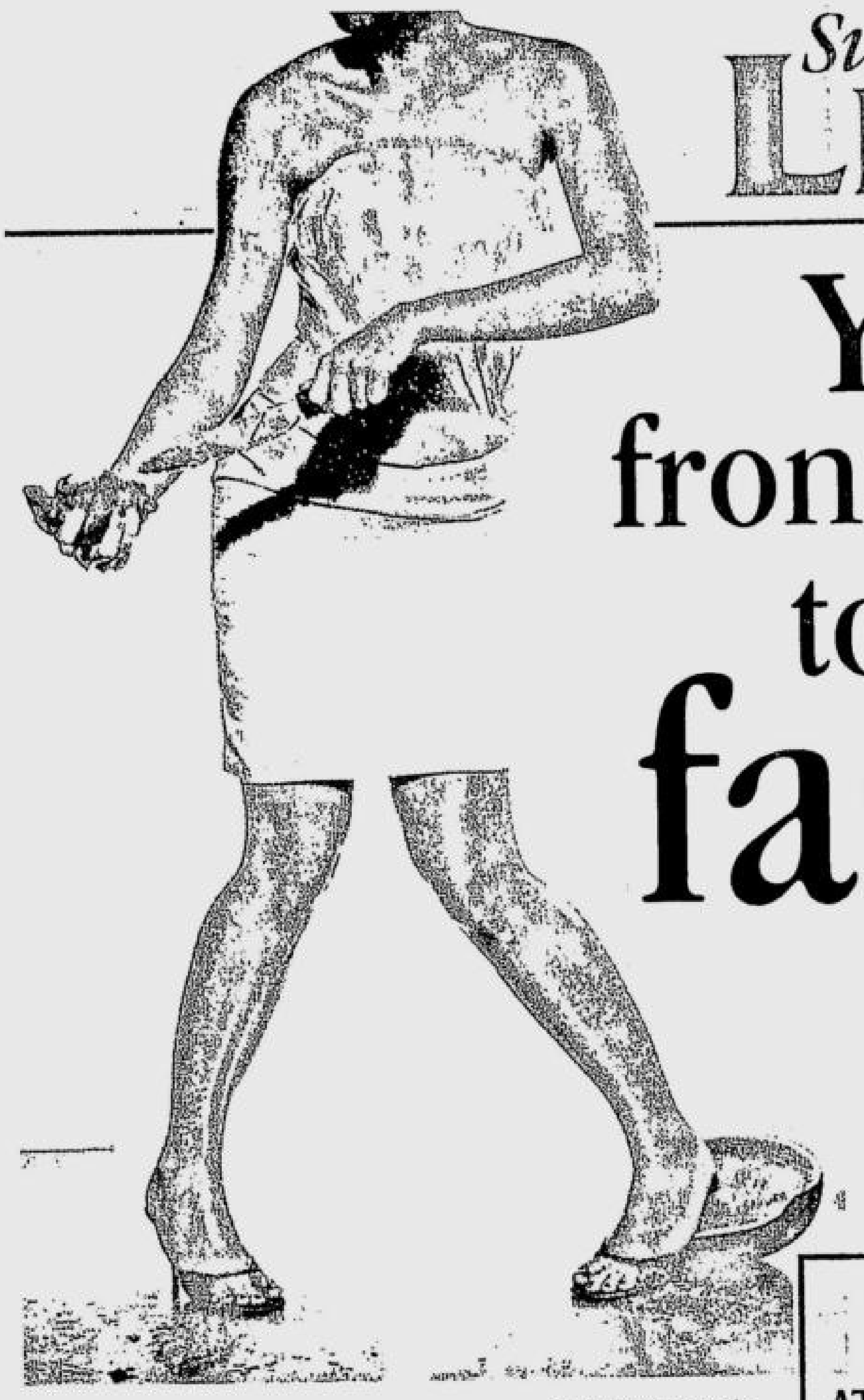

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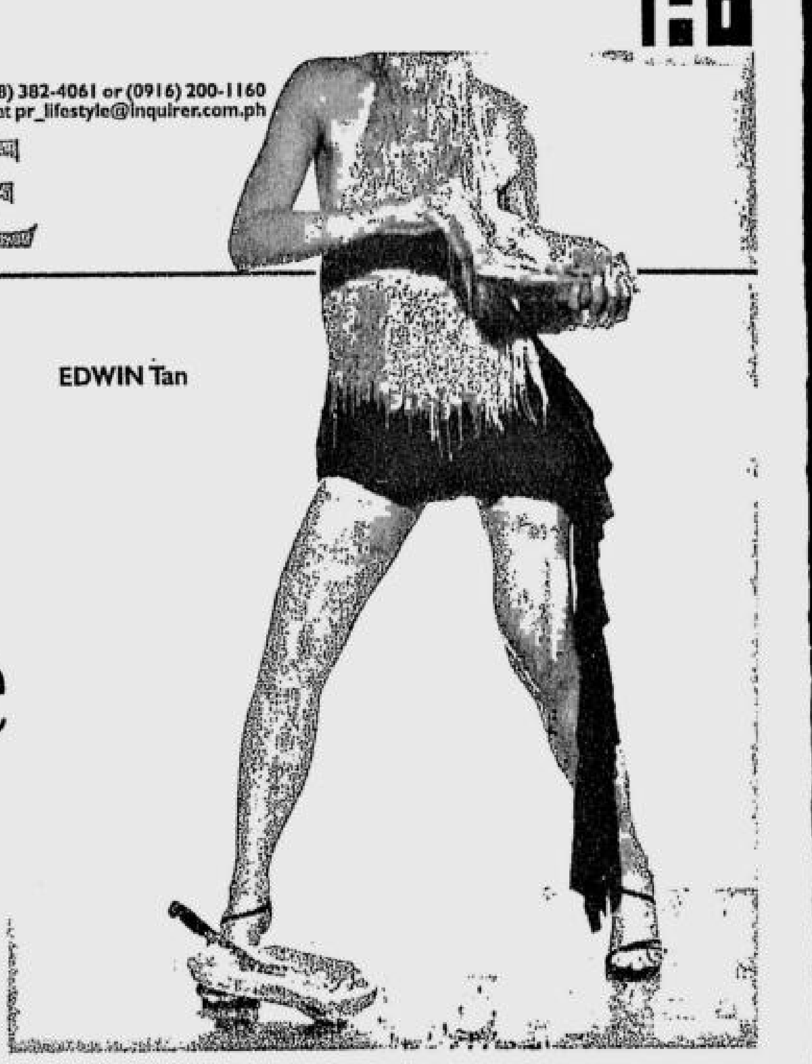

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Your front seat to Philippine fashion

Philippine Fashion Week marks its seventh year with a gathering of top designers in a season of utmost style

By M. Joaquin Ortega
Contributor

IN THE EVER-TIGHTENING cyclical spin of trends, the polar forces of the past and the future affect fashion present. Here in Manila, fashion present and future can assuredly be found in the Philippine Fashion Week, by no means a small or flimsy claim to make. But in order to completely understand what is, one has to look at what was.

In the not-too-distant past, Runway Productions, which stages the annual fashion collections of the country's designers, was but a speck in the expansive imagination of Joey Espino and his brother Audie. When Joey first got his foot in the fashion door, its notoriously jaded habitués did not warm up to the newcomer.

But Joey was used to people underestimating him. He was determined to be a fashion show director and he had the time and the ambition to burn.

"It was Louie Mamengo who first gave me a chance," Joey recalls. "He was very generous about sharing with me everything he knew about this business. He taught me a lot and to this day, he continues to be an inspiration to me."

From day one, Joey set himself apart by being scrupulously professional about his projects, fussing about the most minute details of model selection, stage design and music and lights until there were no more nits to pick. He steadily built up his credentials with the acumen of a craftsman, directing shows for some of Manila's biggest names such as Pitoy Moreno and Mang Ben Farrales.

But fashion has brilliant starts that quickly fade away. For Joey, the tempering element came with his brother Audie. Trained in the ways of business, Audie reinforced Joey's vision and creativity to provide a feasibly sound structural support. In 1994, they conceived Runway Productions and through it, Joey realized his dream to stage the first Philippine Fashion Week in 1997.

Cohesive presentation

"One of the first things we really wanted to address was the lack of a cohesive presentation in the industry," explains Audie. "Designers are usually on their own regarding how they're going to inform the public about their work. And for those who are just starting out, without adequate finances, where are they going to go?"

The Ayala Center management approached Joey seven years ago to stage a show that would put together the brands in the Ayala mall, highlight the works of local designers, and have a regular event that would pull together a broader range of designers. "And that was the beginning of Philippine Fashion Week," Joey said.

Successful though it may have been, the very first Philippine Fashion Week did not happen without a hitch. There were the usual naysayers who swore it couldn't possibly work. But Joey and Audie have since silenced all their detractors.

The Philippine Fashion Week turns seven this year on April 21-30. It will gather a stellar lineup of designers to unveil new collections: Efren Ocampo, Bobby Novenario, Edgar Madamba, Gerry Katigbak, Marden Iglesias, Lito Perez, Larry Espinosa, Rajo Laurel and Ben Farrales, as of press time.

Runway operates as a full-service company that covers all aspects of production. Audie says, "We're here for the long haul. Whether

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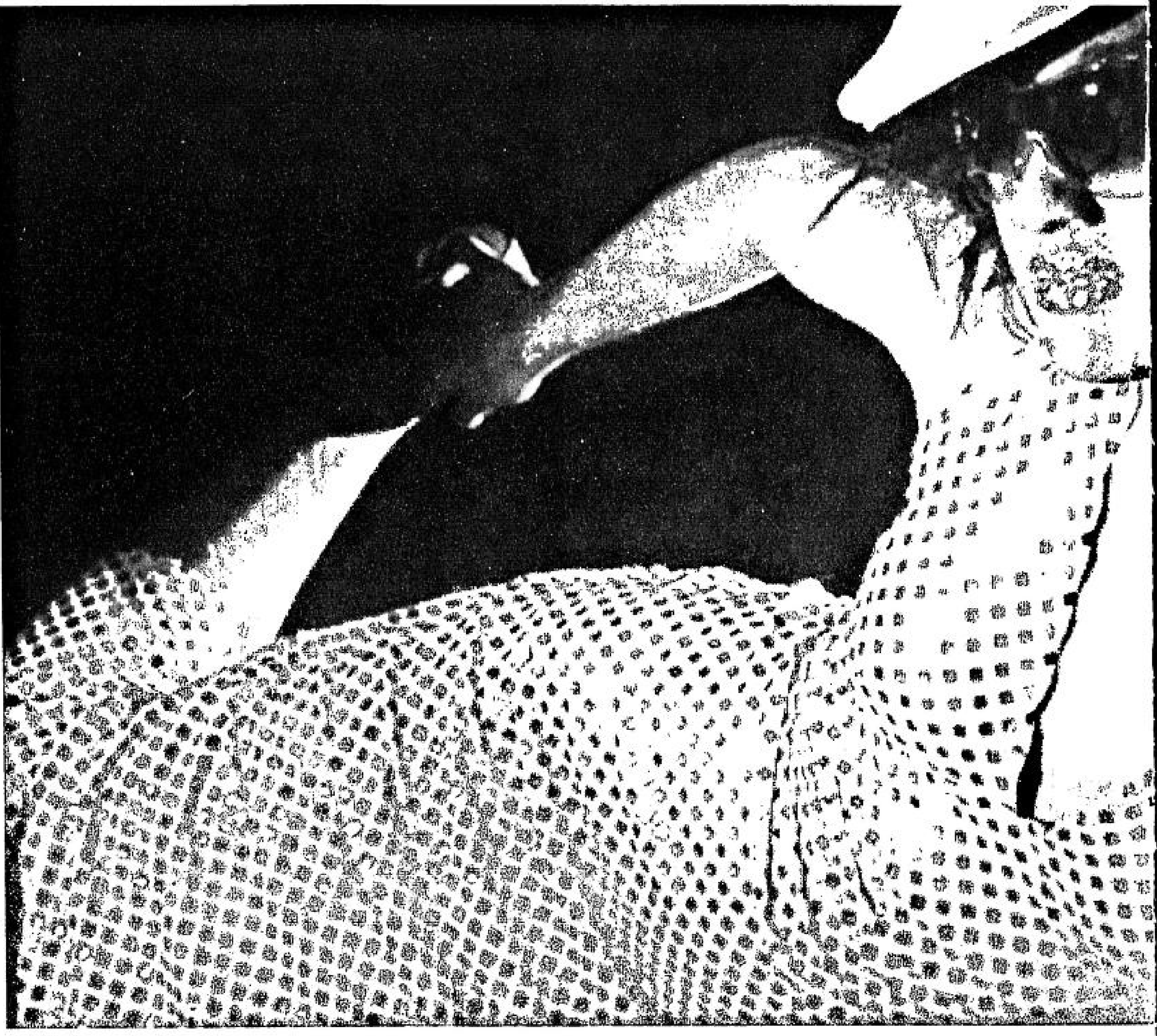

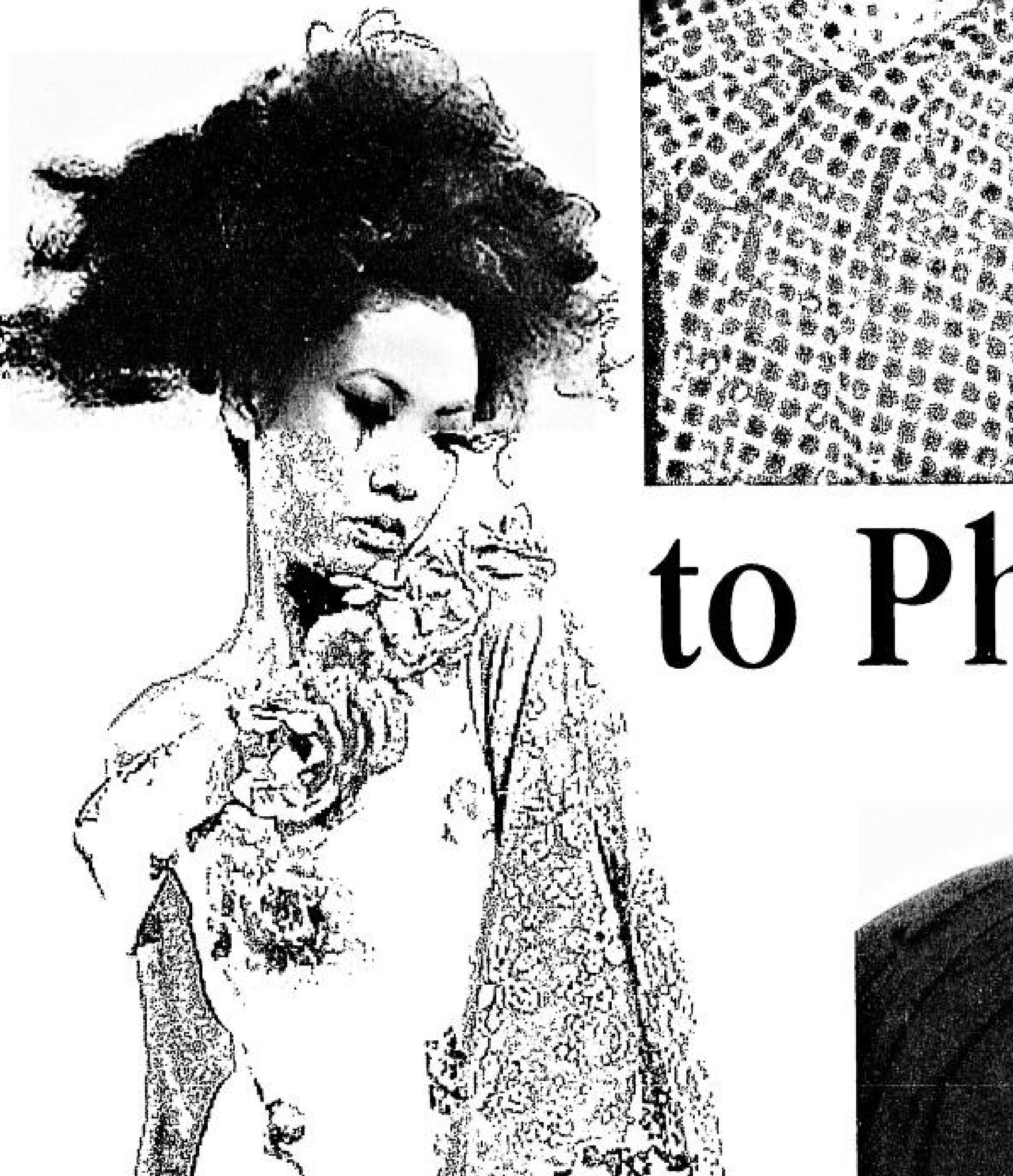

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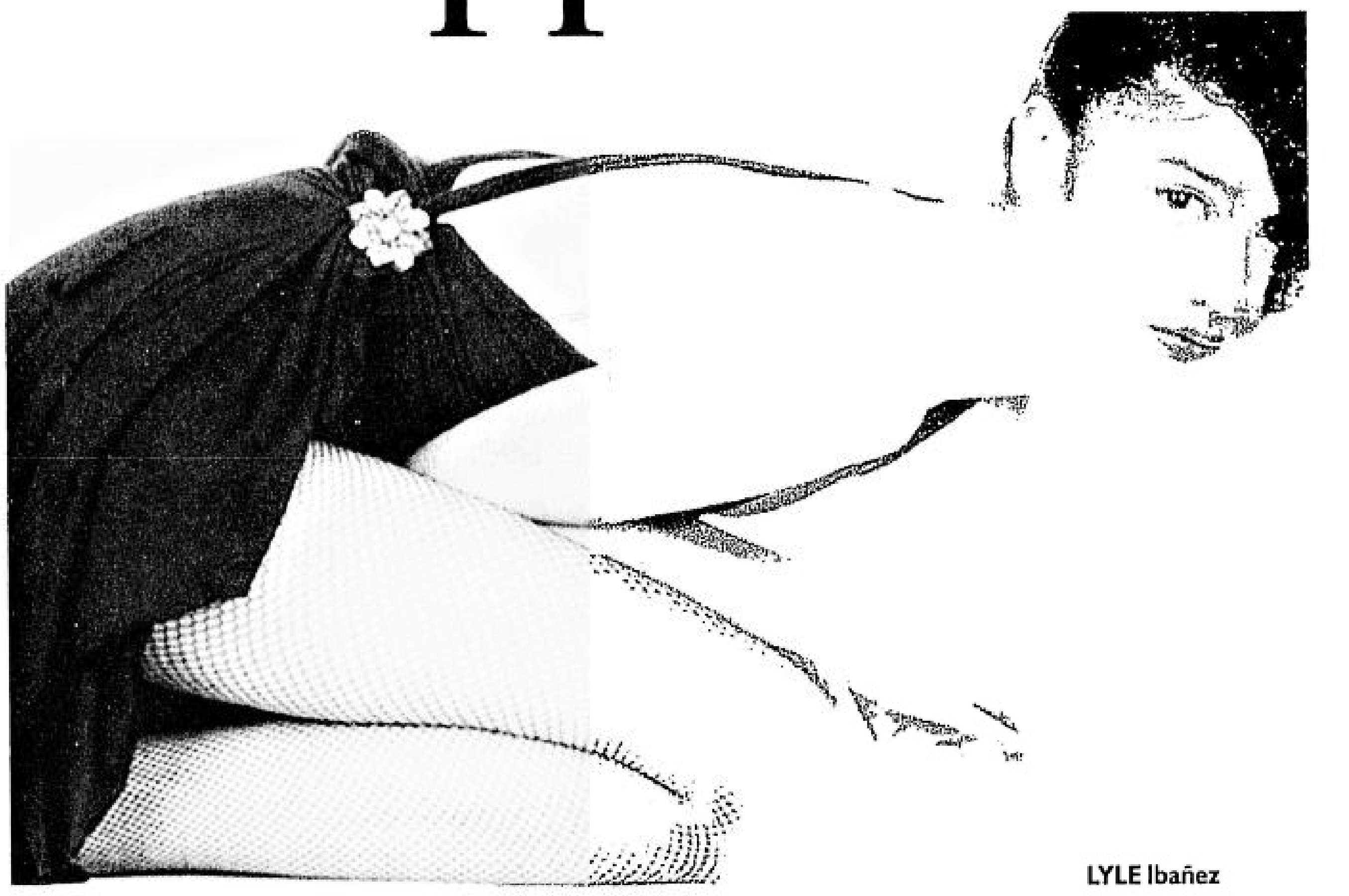

LYLE Ibañez

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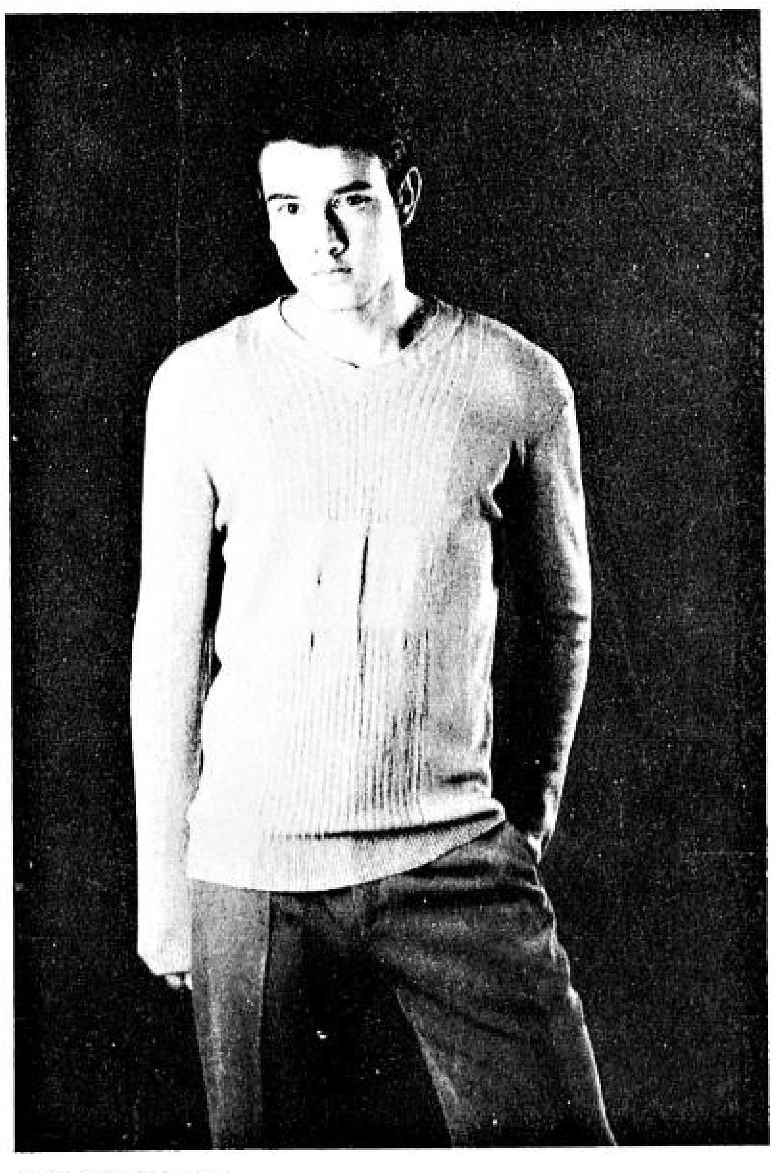
we're doing one show or the entire Philippine Fashion Week series, we give the same 200 percent of our effort."

For Joey though, there's an even more heartfelt reason. He says, "I love this business. I love my work. I want to be able to give back to the industry everything that it's given me. Philippine Fashion Week is an investment on the industry's future, a way to move forward and show everyone that Filipino fashion is part of the global fashion community."

Again, time will tell. Fashion, after all, goes around and comes around. So, as far as fashions past, present and future are concerned—*plus ca change, plus c'est la meme chose*. And your front-seat view to fashion future starts now at the Philippine Fashion Week. It's the closest thing to a crystal ball that you can get.



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EFREN Ocampo

EDGAR San Diego for her and Lito Perez for him

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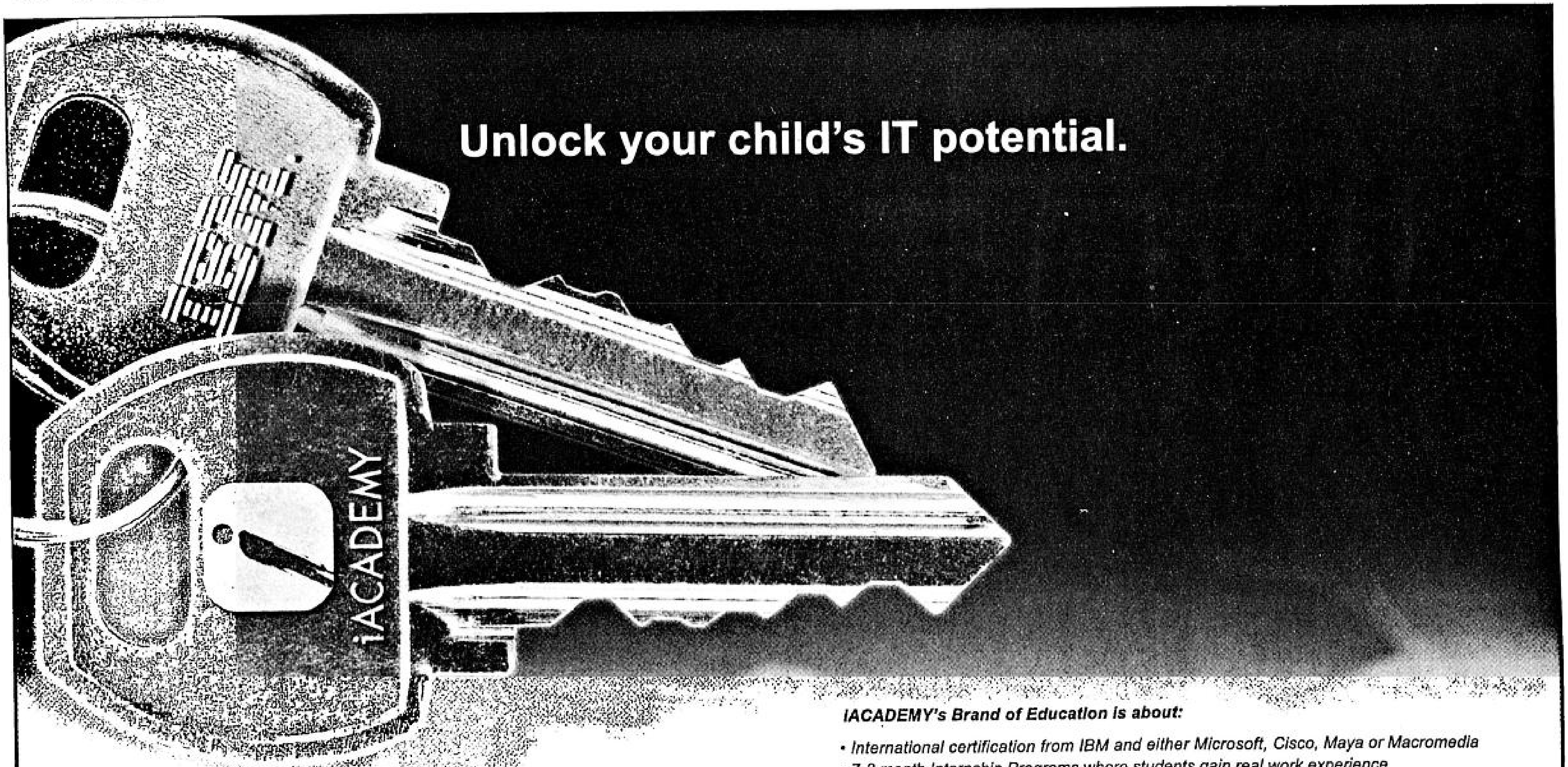

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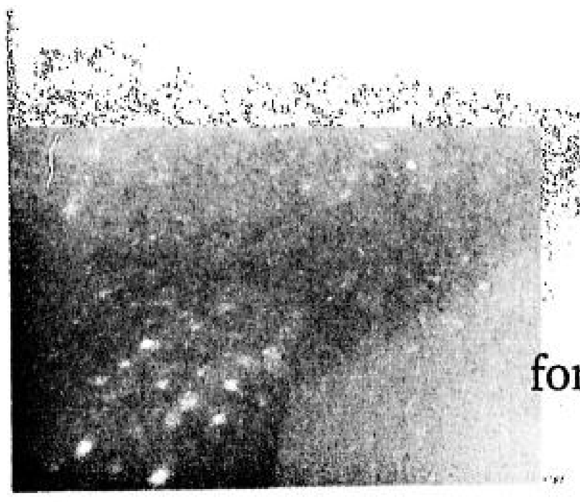

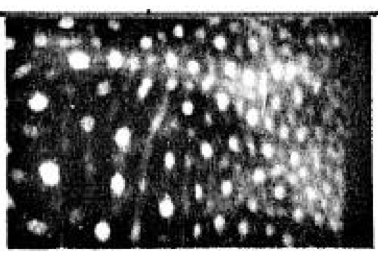

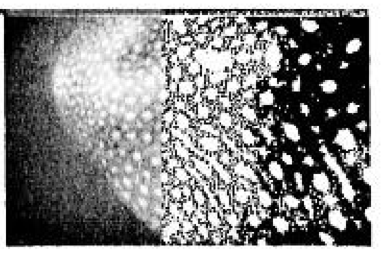

Bikolanos call it the 'butanding,' fond term for the awesomely beautiful but genial whale shark

Whale of an encounter with a gentle giant

TESSA!

Tessa Prieto-Valdes

WHEN Dr. Seuss wrote his children's book, "Big Fish, Little Fish," I don't think the Big Fish he had in mind was the whale shark. If he did, the illustration of the world's largest fish would have covered the entire page.

"Are we really going to see a whale shark? Are they dangerous?" asked **Megan** and **Nick Bisson**, two siblings I tagged along with a few weeks ago on a trip to Donsol, Sorsogon, to get our first awesome encounters of the whale shark. "No, they just eat slow swimmers," I jokingly replied. I knew the two were more informed on whale shark facts than I was, school days having been long gone for me.

The gentle giants are filter feeders, swimming to the surface, eating only plankton and small fish. Thousands of tiny teeth line their huge mouth. The whale sharks suck in large volumes of water, filtering this through their tiny teeth and gills. I guess the saying, "Chew your food before swallowing" does not follow for these creatures.

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Waiting in the *banca* for me is beauty regime time. Packed with the highest SPF of Clarins for the face and Hawaiian Tropic for the body, my sun and seashell bag also included Kérastase Soleil, the new hair treatment by L'Oreal. Their new line is designed for sun protection for colored hair, so I am a perfect end user. I sat in the boat shade but figured the proverbial ounce of sunblock prevention is worth the pound of surgically curing my wrinkles later.

American party

In charge of the snacks department was **Jerry Bisson** of US AID and my husband's buddy from way back when **Dennis** was still teaching scuba diving. Dennis

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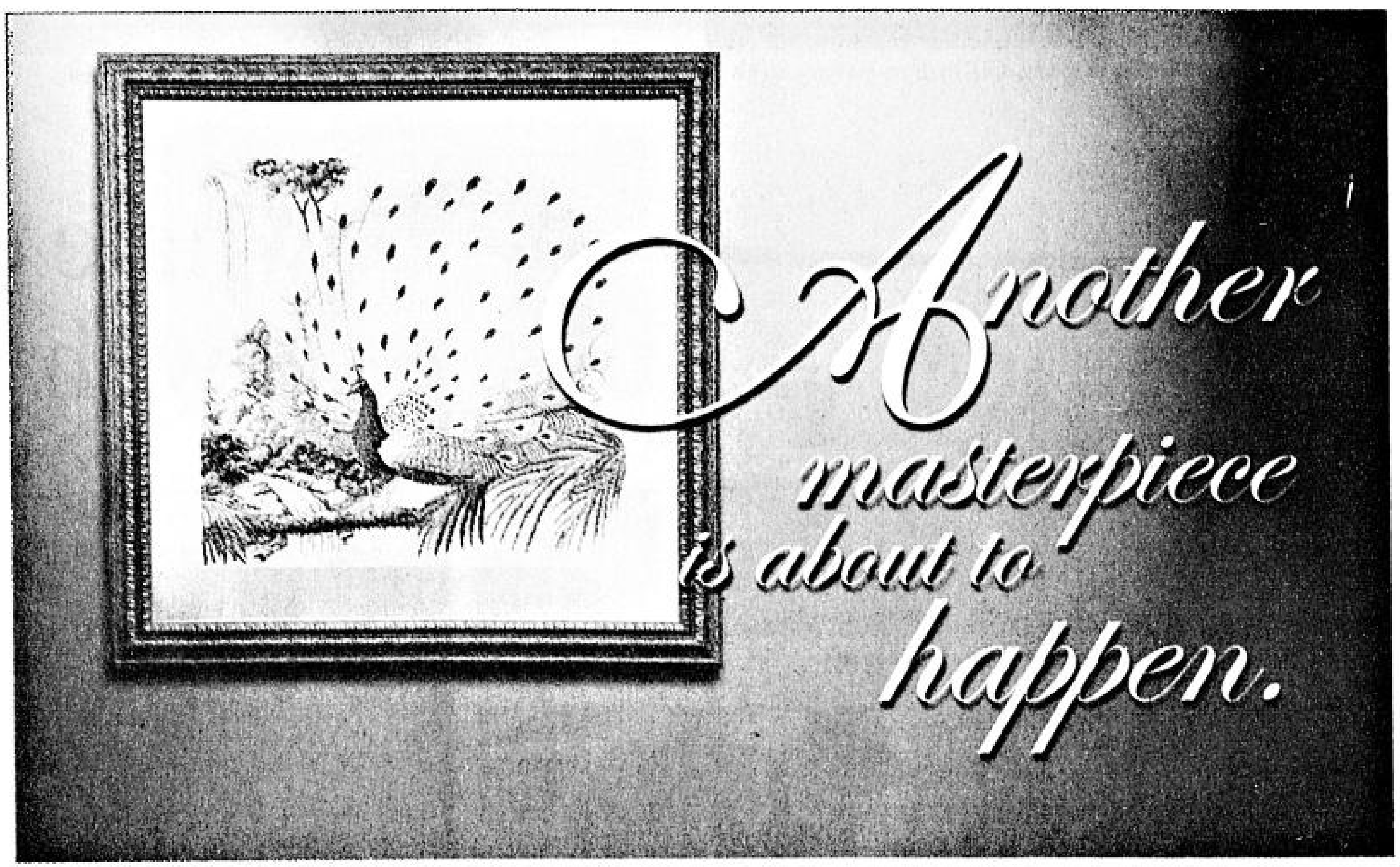
NATURE LOVERS. Secretary Vince Perez and his wife, Leigh Talmage-Perez



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Mechanics:

1. DESIGN THEME:
There will be two (2) design themes in this Contest. The first theme is PEOPLE which only uses the DMC Stitch-A-Photo scanning service. The second theme is the OPEN design category which includes all non Stitch-A-Photo patterns.

2. REGISTRATION OF ENTRIES
Participants must register the cross-stitch pattern or design worksheets he/she intends to work on at any of the registration outlets below before commencing work. A participant may register as many patterns/designs as he/she wants. Registration is free. All registration forms must be marked by the store upon registration and submission. The participant shall accomplish 3 copies of the registration form: one copy goes to the store, the other one to FGI and the last one to the sub-dealer.

3. FABRICS AND THREADS USED
Use only DMC thread and fabric or FGI aida with green security marks (11, 14 or 18 count) with minimum size of 48.26 cm x 55.88 cm (19 x 22 inches).

4. STITCHING PERIOD
Only entries stitched between April 18 to November 29, 2004 are qualified. Any work started or completed before the official promo start date are disqualified and will not be accepted.

5. SUBMISSION AND PRESENTATION OF ENTRIES
a. Deadline of submission of entries is on November 29, 2004 at 5:30 pm.
b. Each entry must not be framed and must be sent in a tube together with the official registration form to the registration outlet. The control mark on the Aida Cloth must not be cut when submitted as entry.
c. Entries can also be sent to sub-dealers (stores other than the registration outlets), but they must be sent by the sub-dealers to the accredited registration outlets for it to qualify.

6. SCHEDULE OF JUDGING
Judging of entries: December 15, 2004 at Focus Global Inc., 9:00 am.
Exhibit Date: To be announced

7. Entries will be judged on the following criteria:
Quality of work: 50%
Overall impact: 40%
Creativity: 10%

8. A participant can win as many times as possible in the store level judging. However, during the grand finals, a participant can only win once. Should two or more of his/her entries are judged as winners, he/she shall get the prize with the higher value.

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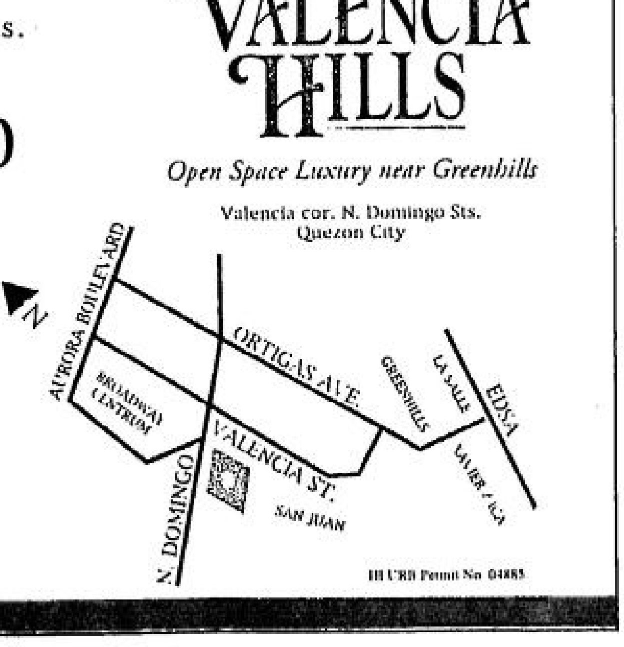

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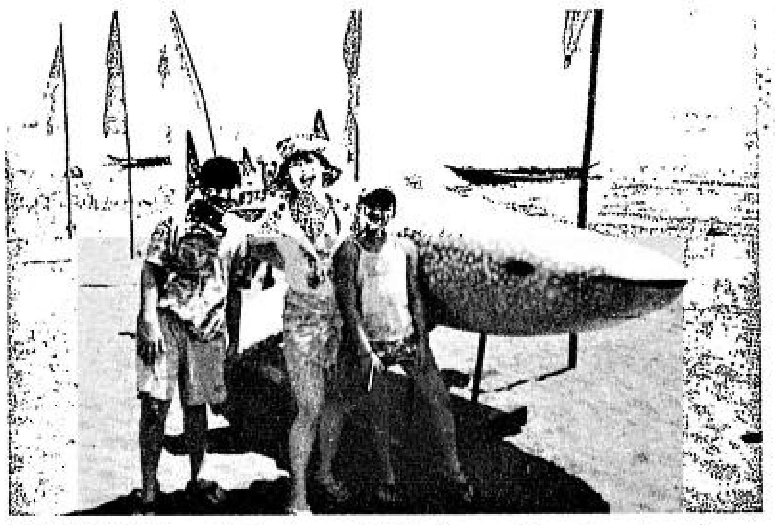
THE PLANE ride is 45 minutes to Legaspi City. Jerry Bisson with his kids collecting their luggage

AT a shopping haven for hats, with Luz Baskinas (in pink hat) of WWF Philippines


THE WHALE shark is the largest fish in the world, and we have them in the Philippines.

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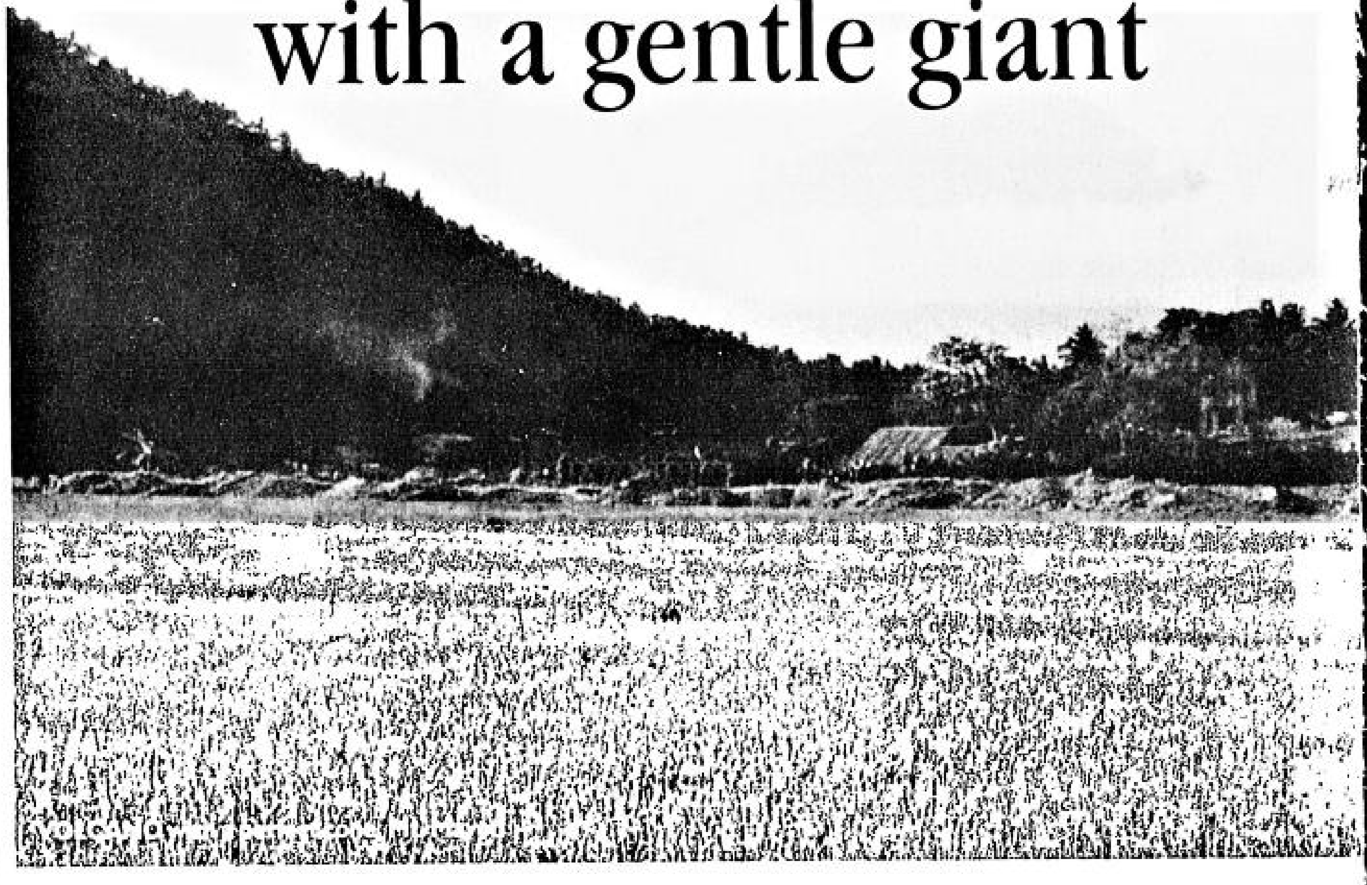

ENJOYING our interaction with the *butanding* in neon suits

ECO-TOURISM creates jobs.

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was in a golf tournament (and we know that nothing gets in the way of that) so I went solo with the Bisson family. Jerry's kids could have easily passed for mine with my hair colored almost the same as their golden brown locks, although my hair looked more "natural."

Also with us was the very progressive local mayor, **Jerome Alcantara**, who has organized the local community into associations of boat operators and whale shark watchers to conduct environmentally friendly whale shark tours. With the help of the US Agency for International Development (this is where Jerry comes in) and the United Nations Development Fund, the World Wildlife Fund Philippines trained the community in viewing techniques to protect the whale sharks. The guidelines only allow one boat per encounter and no more than six tourists to a boat. Scuba gear is not allowed as bubbles may disturb the whale sharks.

"Butanding! Butanding!" Once you hear that cry by the spotters who look for fins breaking the surface or shadows in the water, be ready for a close encounter of the gigantic kind.

EXCELLENT swimmers. Ni
and Megan Bisson

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1 Spill-catching receptacle
8 Pita, e.g.
13 Born loser
20 Pilots' speed contest
21 French river or wine
22 Exam monitor
23 Do baseball field maintenance?
25 Score again, as a test paper
26 Additional
27 God, to Gaius
28 "— happens . . ."
30 In — (lined up)
31 Dough
34 Bolt down a bottle of Burgundy?
37 Decide not to tell stories?
41 Long (for)
42 Poetic chapters
43 Class for cooking, sewing, etc.
45 Spin —
49 Wash off
50 Steeped quaffs
52 Endures
55 Miss Piggy's pronoun
56 "— Lay Dying"
57 Fraud
59 Take a face card with a stronger suit?
63 Signature pieces?
65 Footnote abbr.
67 Brian of ambient music
68 Celestial bear
69 Therefore
70 Parcel out pilaf?
73 Toupees, e.g.
77 PC person?
79 Luau food
80 Some lodge brothers
81 Piece of cake
82 Dice up small pies?
87 German chancellor Helmut
89 — Paese cheese
90 Rowboat mover
91 Turbine turner
92 "Today I am —"
94 Vile virus
96 Orange Bowl venue
98 Active volcano in E Sicily
101 Footballer Franco
102 Ghana's capital
105 Take some of a sparrow's feathers?
108 Rouse a sleeping duck?
112 Hankering
113 Keep — profile
114 Leigh Hunt's "— Ben Adhem"
115 Pitfall
116 Staff opening
120 Folk singer McKennitt
122 Noisily proclaim one's disgraceful acts?
127 Israel's parliament
128 Ancient Greek region
129 Sets straight
130 Seahawks' home
131 Where Khufu ruled
132 Keep at it

DOWN
1 Have the guts
2 Iranian coin
3 Annoys
4 Takes precedence over
5 Butter bit
6 Wolfgang's "Woe is me!"
7 Syringe attachment
8 Hubbub
9 Baba au — (cake with kick)
10 Many millennia
11 Moreover
12 Cul- —
13 Elf
14 Soul star Franklin
15 Furry fetcher
16 Gaunt
17 Video-game name
18 Triplet of adjacent RNA nucleotides
19 Mardi Gras parade club
24 Vegans avoid it
29 Airport porter
32 Oklahoma Indians
33 Cries of surprise
34 Moon shuttle
35 Suffix of sugars
36 Wipes clean
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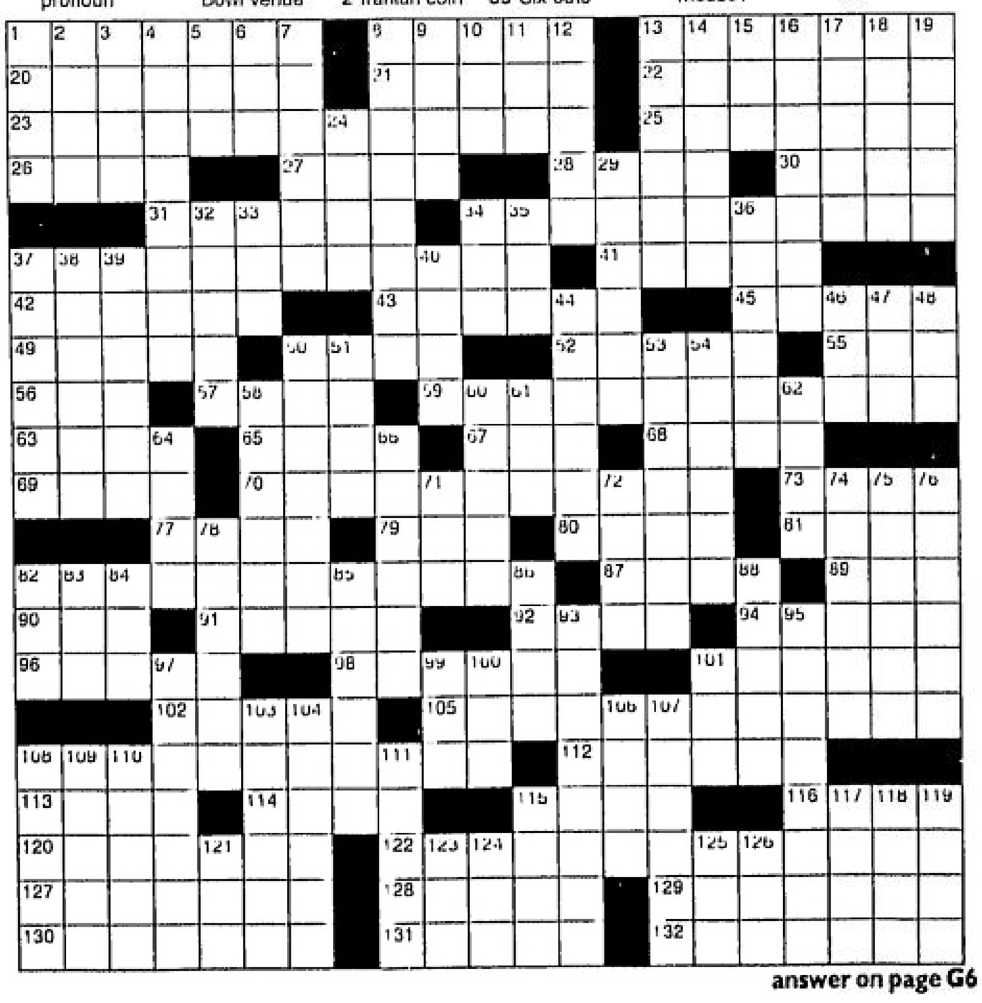

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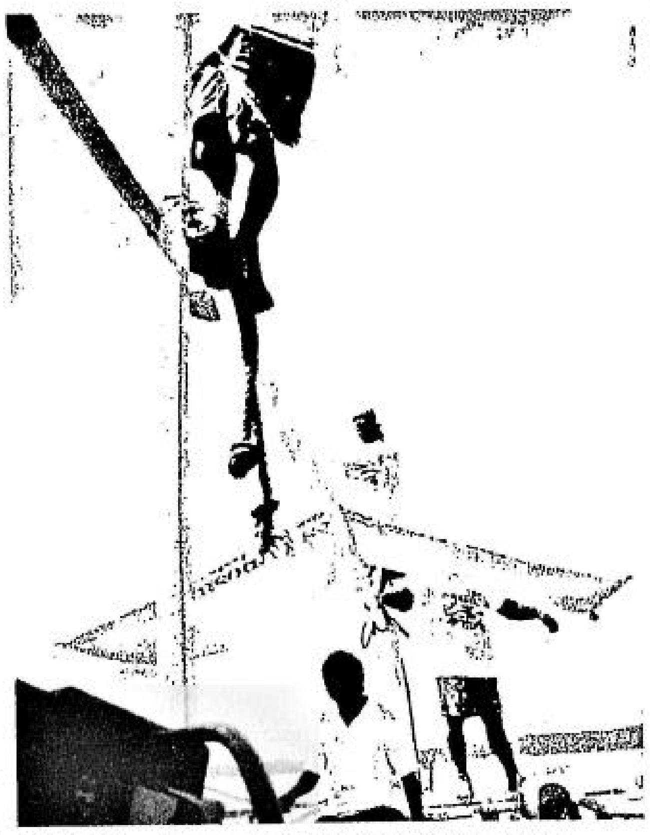

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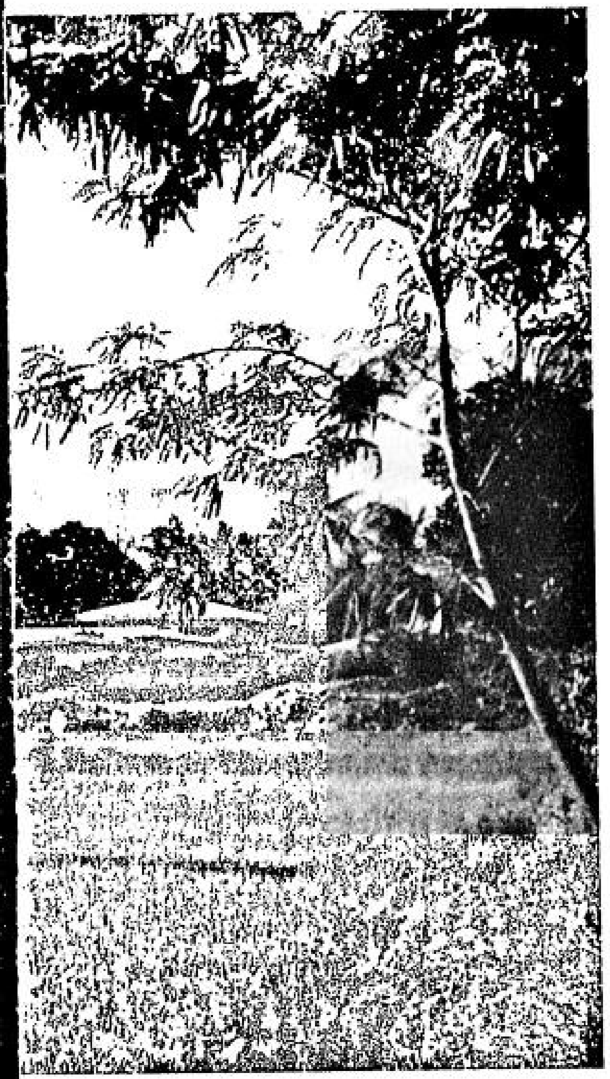

Alan Amanse was my BIO Man or Butanding Interaction Officer. He would propeller-thrust me toward the whale shark so I could get clear underwater shots. The visibility was not too good so my shots were nothing great. I wonder how **Gutsy Tuason** got so good? Maybe he doesn't use the same miniature digital camera I use.

Tourists are not allowed to block the path of the whale shark. They are not allowed to touch or harass it. Ten or eleven in the morning is reportedly the best time to view the whale sharks as they are actively feeding close to the surface. We had one amazing 15-minute encounter with a big momma as it swam in large circles, feeding and watching us with great tolerance… or maybe humor as we flailed away in our pink, yellow and neon blue suits.

The Donsol municipal waters have been a whale shark sanctuary since 1998, largely in response to the heroic efforts of many dedicated conservationists, including **Karina Escudero**, an accomplished underwater videographer and Dennis' contemporary from the UP Divers Club in the '80s. Karina helped document the presence of the whale sharks and spearheaded conservation efforts. The Department of Agriculture banned the killing of whale sharks and manta rays in 1998, but as we all know, in our country we need more expanded efforts to enforce the ban.

Local income

To generate some local income for the residents, I bought half the baskets in the small kiosk in the Butanding Visitor Center. The Bicol region is known for their fine Manila hemp or *abaca*. The baskets were woven in colored threads and in pretty patterns. Trust little me to find the only shopping area in town.

Riding on another *banca* was **Vince Perez**, Secretary of Energy, and his wife, **Leigh Talmage-Perez**. Vince was a highly successful investment banker before he joined the GMA team—he was the first Asian partner at Lazard Freres & Co. in New York and the first Filipino partner on Wall Street. Their true passion, however, is for the environment; both are connected with WWF—the Wildlife Fund, not the wrestling thing.

Leigh's special project is to find funding for another eco-friendly tour in Donsol, a night-time river tour where we saw fireflies lighting up the trees like Christmas lights. It's a great night activity in Donsol, because believe me, the local bars are not what you would want to frequent.

So is a whale shark worth more dead than alive? In Taiwan, consumers consider whale shark meat a prized delicacy. Its fins and liver oil are also valuable commodities. One Taiwanese trader reportedly offered P700,000 for one whale shark. That's just too much temptation, but I believe in the good heart of the Pinoys. I also believe that the locals have discovered the economic beauty of preserving the *butanding*—the jobs created for BIO Men, banca boys, etc., etc.

December to May is *butanding* season, so plan your trips now. Approach your whale sharks with passion and respect. If you are fortunate enough to see one of the gentle giants, enjoy your blessing and know that by supporting Donsol's eco-tourism, you've helped protect one of our country's most graceful creatures.

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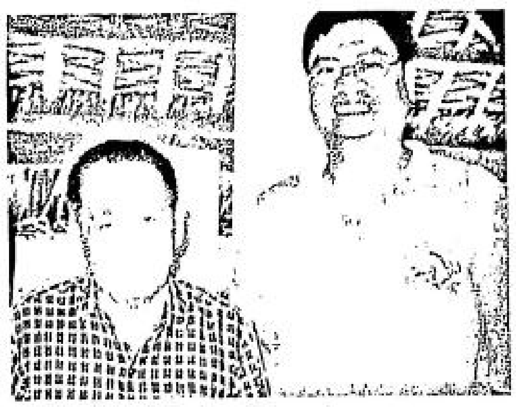
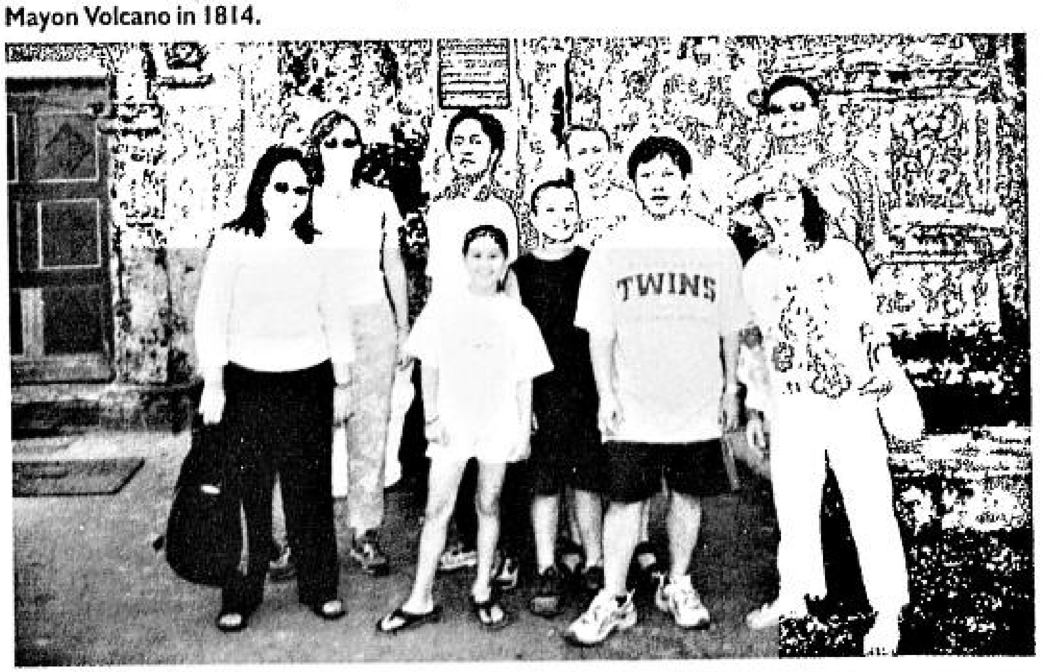
RIVER boat ride to see the fireflies lighting the trees



SMALL but effective. Mayor Jerome Alcantara with Joel Palma of WWF Phil.

RENE Acosta poses in front of the ruins of the Church of Cagsaua after the eruption of Mayon Volcano in 1814.



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Outdoor bouldering competition in Bulacan

THE BULACAN Bouldering Fiesta: Walk on Walls this Summer will be held at Biak-na-Bato National Park in San Miguel, Bulacan on April 30 and 31. The event will promote rock climbing as a tourism activity and showcase the park as a world-class climbing destination. A caravan will leave Power Up Gym at Pasig Capitolyo Complex to the site at 8 a.m. on April 30. Call Dada at 0916-6127862 or Joey at 0918-9020754.

GOINGS ON

SHOW. The Fashion Expose show will be held on May 8, 7 p.m., at the International Hall of CSB Hotel, Angelo King International Conference Center, Arellano cor. Estrada Sts., Manila. It will feature the collections of Lito Perez and Millet Guinto. Call 4005455.

COURSE. The Federation of Philippine Photographers Foundation will offer a basic photo course on May 16. Call 8435341.

WORKSHOP. Summit School offers the art of shadow puppetry, kitemaking, papermaking, rock painting until May 20 in Bonifacio, Global City. Call 8819032.

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PROGRAM. The Japan Foundation will hold the 2004 Secondary-School Educators' Study-Tour program on June 16-30 in Tokyo. Call 8116155 to 58.

SEMINAR. The Center for Human Research and Development Foundation, Inc. is holding a seminar-workshop on English language teaching July 12-13 at the University of the Philippines Alumni Hostel, Diliman, QC. Call 9279858.

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SEMINAR. The Philippine Society of Librarians and Information Specialists will hold a seminar on Intellectual Property Rights on Copyright Law and related Philippine Laws on Librarianship on May 13-14 at 10/L Edsa Greenhills, Mandaluyong City. Call 9321295, 5275203 or 7241994.

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NOORDIN Jumalon and Carmel Cabaero

Prominent personalities in the community took on various roles in this charming production

Cebu goes to the ballet

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Jaime Picornell

ONCE more, the Arts Council of Cebu and Ballet Center teamed up for an artistic event of the first magnitude.

Innove Communications and Tempra were willing partners in making a full-length "Sleeping Beauty" ballet possible to the delight of balletomanes, who came from all over the Visayas and Mindanao.

Two shows were presented every weekend, first at the Theater for the Performing Arts in Ayala Center, and then at Theater One of SM City Cebu. The gala nights were standing-room-only.

Kris-belle Paclibar and **Jojo Mamangun** from Ballet Philippines danced the lead roles of Princess Aurora and Prince Desire. The best of Cebu's Queen City Chamber Ballet were in the production, too, like **Sheila Lendio** and **Mariejan Pestaño**. They took on various roles, and alternated as the Lilac Fairy and Princess Florisse who were featured in the show-stopper, Bluebird pas de deux.

PETITE Garcia, Vivina Chiu in costume and Fe Villarica

Light as a winged creature in blue tights, an aigrette on his forehead, was 18-year-old **Ruben de Dios**, also from Ballet Philippines.

Drama and glamour

Prominent personalities in the community, some of them Arts Council trustees, took on various roles adding a dash of drama and more than just a touch of glamour. Guam-based **Benjie Diola** alternated with **Joe Galeon** as the Wicked Fairy.

Dominique Reigel and **Carmel Cabaero**, an alumna of Ballet Center and now a faculty member, alternated as the Queen. Taking turns as King were **Karl Hudson**, general manager of the Marriott Hotel, and **Bunny Pages**.

Court ladies in dazzling costumes and sparkling jewels were **Hazel Ypil**, **Mary Chan**, **Marylou Neri**, **Tess Pablo**, **Mariter Klepp** and **Vivina Chiu**, who was over-all co-chair of the event. Among the lords were **Tacky Efthimiou**, **Cesar Manalili**, **Alex Diola**, **Emerson Donaldo** and **Ian Solon**.

The opulent wardrobe was done by the Clothes for Life Foundation composed of the city's top couturiers.

Over-all chair of the event was **Fe Sala Villarica** who founded Ballet Center in 1951, and the Arts Council in 1960. Spry, agile and youthful as ever, she supervised every aspect of the production.

She chose the best recorded music of the

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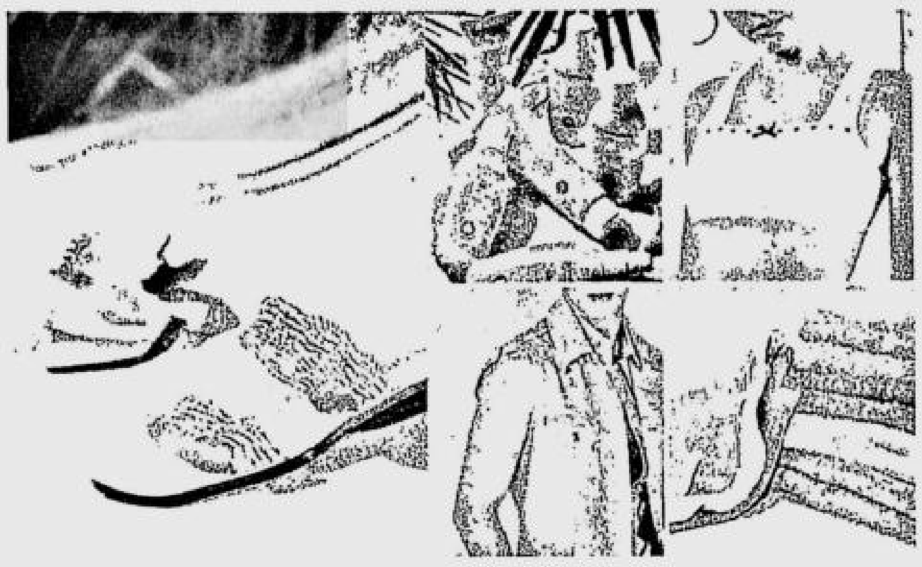

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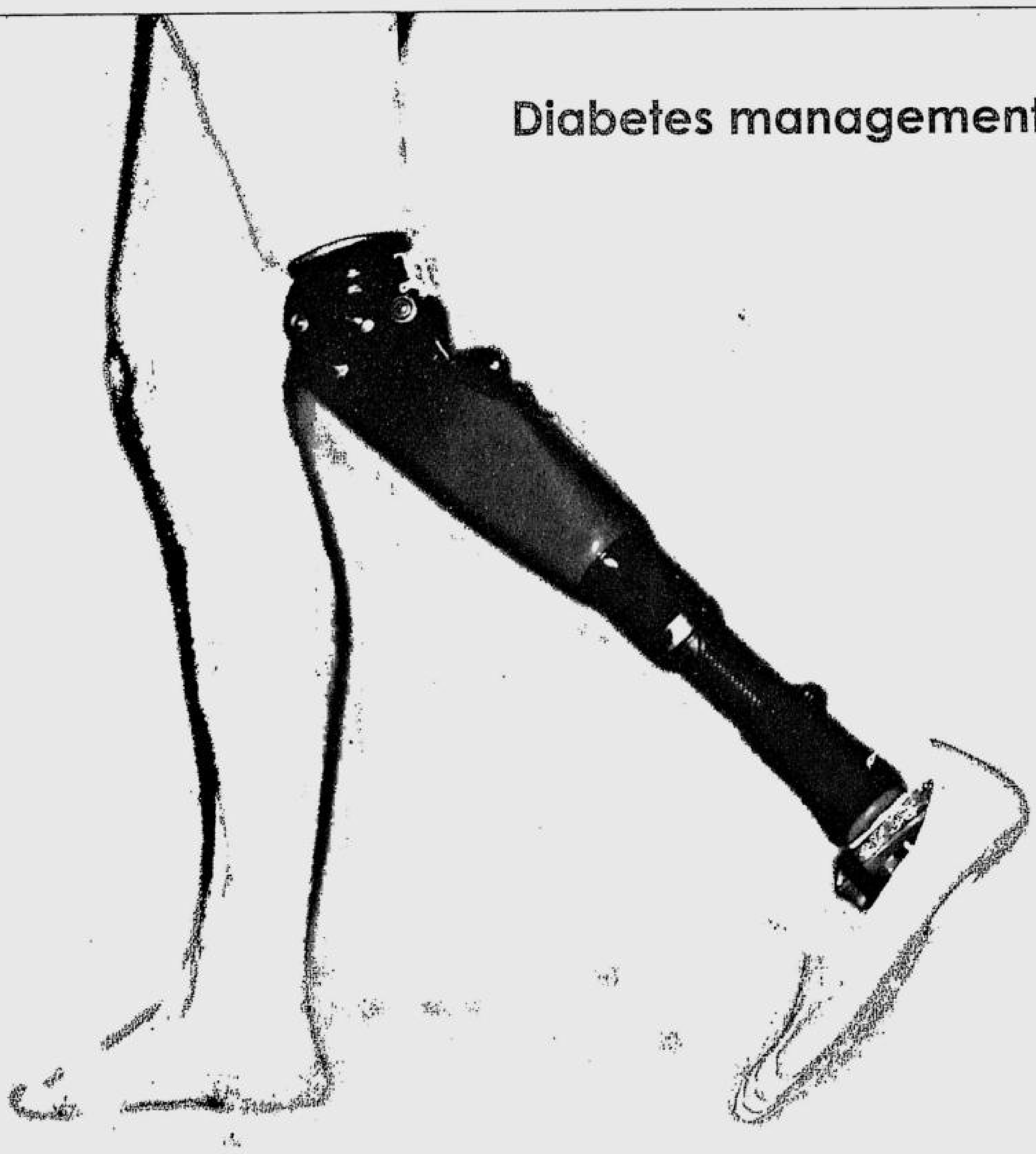

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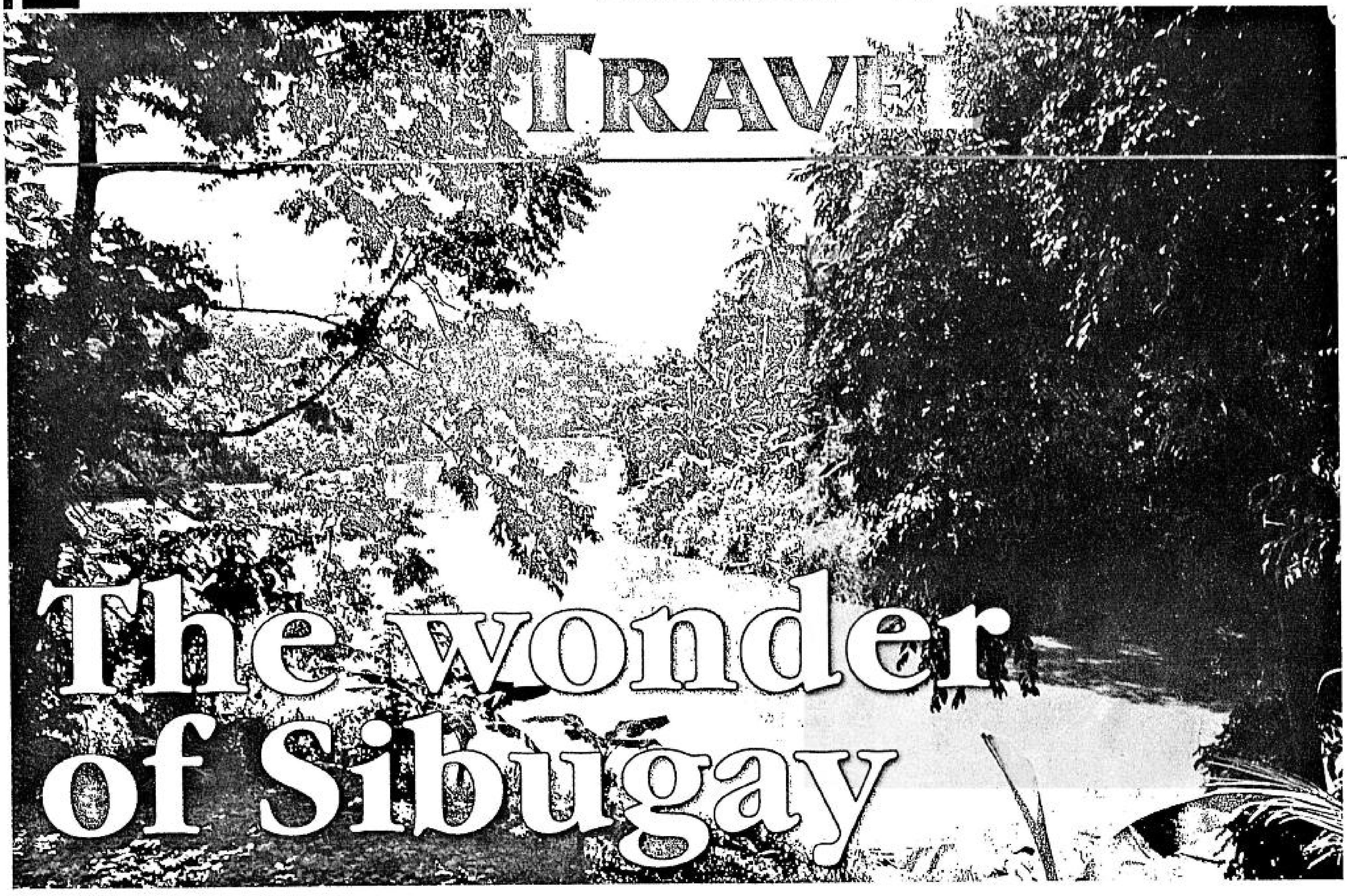


The wonder of Sibugay

RIVER run

Text and photos
by Ma. Congee S. Gomez
Contributor

FROM THE WINDOW of Philippine Airlines' seat A-25 that lazy Sunday afternoon, the landscape—vast bodies of water encircling compact but sporadically distributed settlements—looks totally different from others I have seen.

The Department of Tourism is making an extra effort to promote the province of Sibugay. But where is Sibugay? A country map circa 2000 does not provide an answer.

At the Zamboanga City International Airport, I am informed that Sibugay (from the Subanen word *sibug-an-bagay,* meaning "come closer to me") is the country's 79th province, created through House Bill 1311 authored by the incumbent governor, Dr. George Hofer.

Ipil, famous in the 1970s as the training ground of the Kuratong Baleleng in its bank robbery "exercises," is the capital of Sibugay. The place hogged the headlines nine years ago when the Abu Sayyaf burned its market to ashes.

Other fast facts: Sibugay is the country's first rubber-exporting province (Basilan is the second). It has six large rubber plantations of 1,000 hectares each.

It is vying to be the country's *talaba* (oyster) capital. It takes pride in its 6-12-inch oysters, considered the best in the Zamboanga Peninsula.

"We also have the biggest prawns," said Edith Siazon, consultant for tourism matters in Sibugay. "And we are home to the rare, wild breed of crocodiles, and we have a snake farm in the open water of Sibugay Bay in Olutanga."

Currently, a 4,000-km stretch of coastline is devoted to *agar-agar* (seaweed) farming. And rebel returnees have been settled at Sitio Looc in Tungawan, with their area being developed as a livelihood tourist site.

But the state of peace and order raises apprehensions among investors. Sibugay is often mentioned as part of Zamboanga City's "troubles" despite a distance that takes three-hour travel by land.

Ipil images

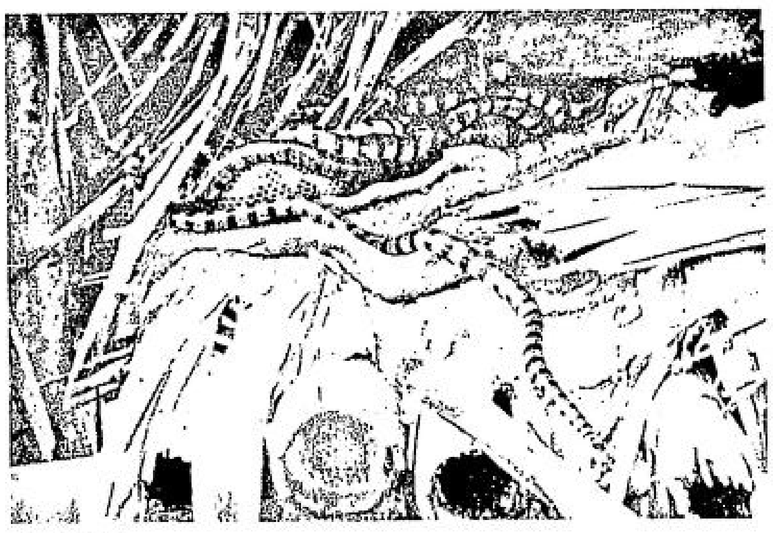
Ipil has a huge network of infrastructure that includes banks with ATMs, a communication system, power supply, an airstrip and public and private hospitals.

Business and tourism form the lifeblood of the Sibugay people. The occasional references to former President Joseph Estrada as Sibugay's "godfather" can't be helped. Estrada is deemed instrumental in the construction of the well cemented roads that stretch up to Pagadian City.

But you can't help hearing tales about Ipil as you chat with the Sibugay folk, such as the couple Dodong and Bambut Lanzadares, who muster the courage to recall the Ipil raid. The reminders of a dark past are still there.

Yes, touring Ipil means interrelating with the images you have read about in newspapers. That's understandable. The market that was razed is now known as the Pasalubong Center. And these days, Bambut runs Bambut's Café (0918-3338184) where food is home-cooked, reasonably priced and served hot.

In the heart of Ipil is the Barbecue Plaza in Poblacion, where 20 stalls are open from 4 p.m. to 1 a.m. The standard dishes are grilled cubes of pork and liver (P10/stick); chorizo (P15/stick); chicken thigh (P45/piece); chicken breast (P40/piece); and steaming hot rice (P5/cup).



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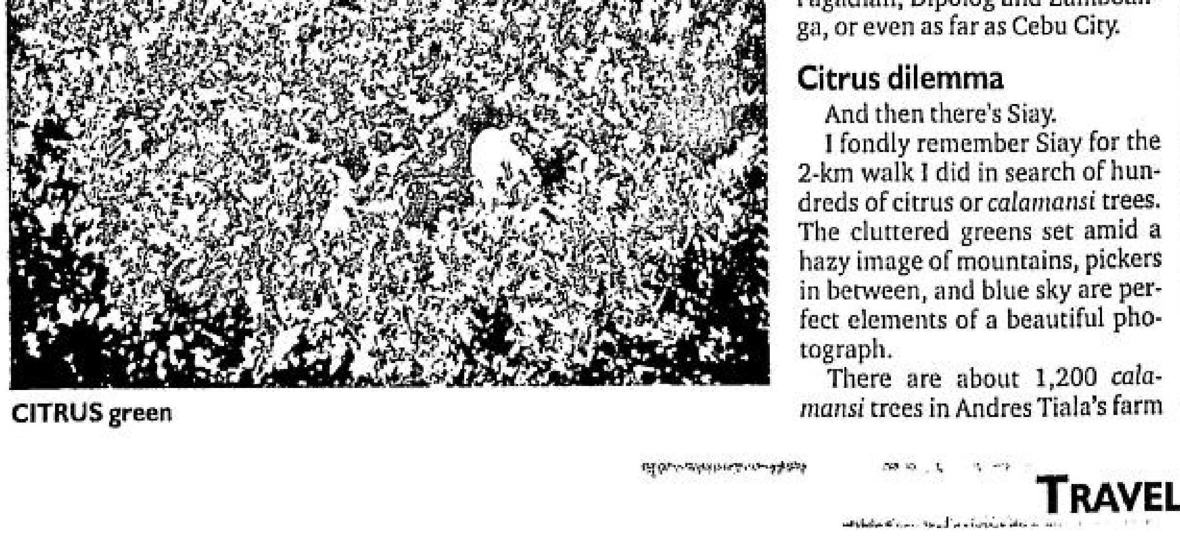


CITRUS green

The plaza is filled to the rafters daily. This is because Sibugay folk love to eat out.

Ipil also has rows of accommodations including pensions and lodging houses. Close to 10 facilities dot the landscape, with the 26-room Sibugay Grand Plaza Hotel (62-333-5609) as the newest addition.

Sea bounty

Governor Hofer says Sibugay is the only producer of the "largest" prawns in Mindanao, and Barangay Kabasalan is the fulcrum of his claim.

The black tiger prawns vary in size and price per kilo: undersize (P100), small (P280), medium (P370), big (P430), extra large ((P480); and super extra large (P640).

Prawn raiser Maryanne Sanggayan says Kabasalan is a good source of export-quality stuff (meaning, no algae, firm neck, hard and shiny shell, and gills not colored black).

Rated "sweet" is the local shrimp, called "pink suaje" (farm gate price: P40-50 a kilo). In Kabasalan, the buying station is called the Highway.

The buyers come daily from Pagadian, Dipolog and Zamboanga, or even as far as Cebu City.

Citrus dilemma

And then there's Siay.

I fondly remember Siay for the 2-km walk I did in search of hundreds of citrus or *calamansi* trees. The cluttered greens set amid a hazy image of mountains, pickers in between, and blue sky are perfect elements of a beautiful photograph.

There are about 1,200 *calamansi* trees in Andres Tiala's farm in Sitio Gabo, Mirangan. But the local government office's main problem is the lack of buyers. Municipal agriculture records dated 2003 show that on Siay's fertile clay loam grows a total of 455,295 such trees, scattered in six barangays, with 229 farmers highly dependent on the produce for their income.

According to agriculture officer Jose Burgos, growing *calamansi* was a venture that had no feasibility study to bank on. The Siay municipality once asked the local Science and Technology office to research on possibilities of *calamansi* byproducts, given that tons of *calamansi* were left rotting everywhere. But nothing fruitful resulted from it.

The good news is that Siay will soon open a wildlife sanctuary, with wild crocodiles as main feature. Did I hear right that Pangil and Putol, the main "actors" of a local comics series, were hauled from here? Or that the wild crocodiles showcased in Palawan came from the S-shaped Sibugay river?

The area is protected by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, and the agency reportedly facilitates the transfer of Sibugay's wild crocodiles to the Mitra farm in Palawan.

At the time of my visit, 14 young crocodiles are housed in an improvised sanctuary. The men milling around us say the river teems with these huge creatures, especially at high tide. The murky pockets of the river are virtual hibernation areas of the wild breed.

Not only that. A pair of tarsier was spotted in the hinterlands of Barangay Diampak.

Subanen

Part of understanding Sibugay's culture is getting to know the Subanen.

My first encounter with them was on a makeshift stage where a man and a woman were performing Subanen courtship steps.

The haunting sound of the agong is indicative of Subanen treasures. Their brass pieces were top items for trade with Chinese merchants in the olden days. Some of these wares are now priceless pieces on the glass shelves of Subanen coordinator Magdalena Cayon.

Subanen villages are located in Diampak, Latnapan, Sioland, Tapilisan, Sanghanan and Bangkor.

According to Cayon, some Subanen have become professionals, while others remain predominantly *kaingeros* (slash-and-burn farmers) and rubber strippers.

But despite the Subanen's fast assimilation of lowland ways, the revered Boklog remains a unifying ritual. Being baptized Catholics does not obliterate the practice of their laws, marriage rites and attendance of their Mass (held every Oct. 29).

But there are unresolved issues concerning ancestral land. Cayon herself has been dragged into a controversy over her claim to 2,500 hectares. She says she entrusted the original land titles to William and Manuel Seelin of the National Council of Indigenous Peoples of the Philippines, and no progress has been made.

Olutanga

A two-and-a-half-hour trip on part-rough, part-cemented roads and a 15-minute barge ride will take you to Olutanga, Sibugay's farthest town. You pass towns named after women—Imelda, Concepcion and Alicia.

But why come this far when the fisheries officer tells you harrowing stories of sea pirates jumping into pump boats? Why venture traveling on open water to reach *alim* Teroh Allih's shack?

Olutanga's heartland is devoted to agriculture (45 percent), marine farming (35 percent) and trading (15 percent). The population is a mix of Christians, Muslims and members of the Samal community and the Kalong sect.

"Laidback" very well describes Olutanga. In the 1950s, peace and order prevailed. Between the 1970s and 1980s, rising factions sowed fear in the town. Smugglers took the seas. Armed bandits joined in the fray. Pirates stole motor bancas.

Portions of the population fled, as a result of internecine wars.

Any trip to Mindanao will unveil stories of struggle, woe and friendship. But you will love interacting with Allih, 55, and his charming ways with the *walo-walo* (eight-eight) snakes. He cares for them as "pets" in an approach esoteric to us.

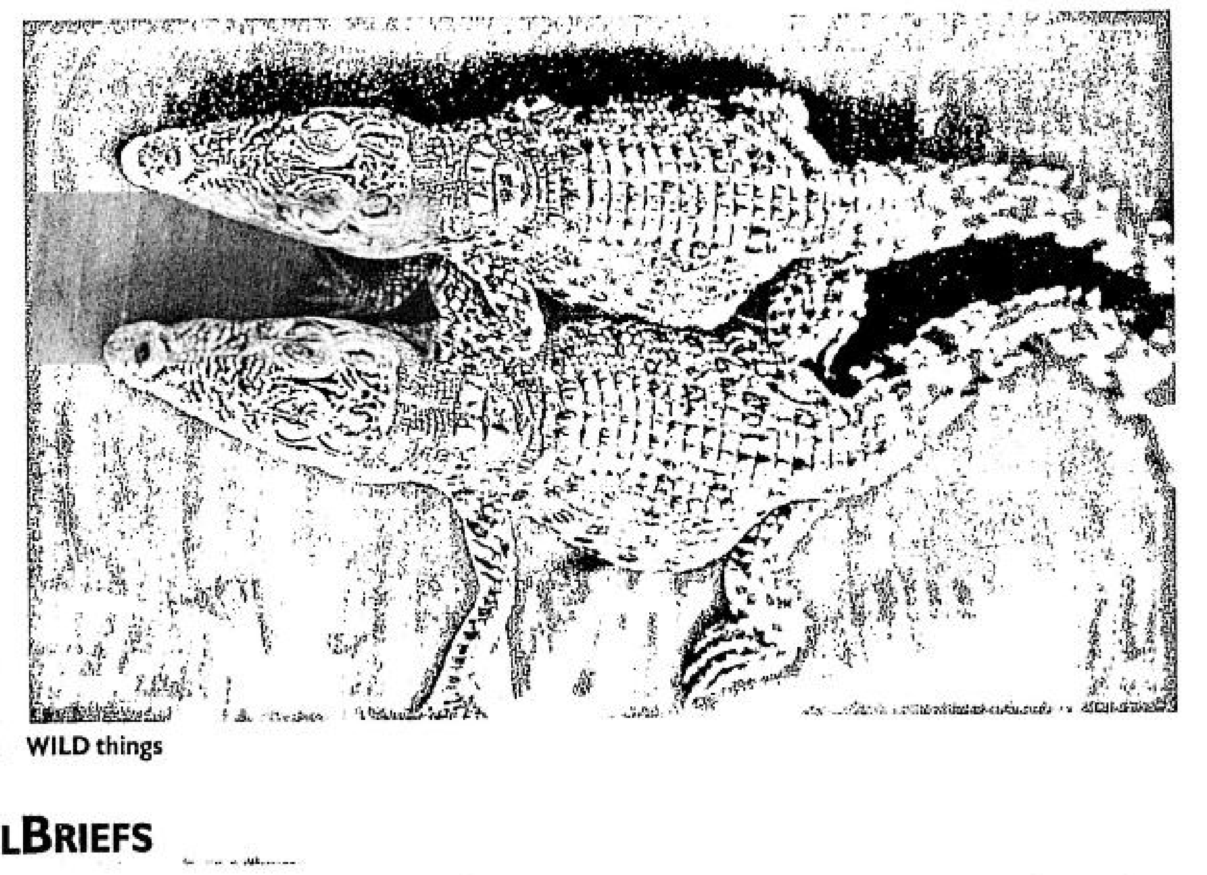
Allih recalls building the *walo-walo* a shack in 1984. (A *walo-walo* has large black stripes on the body. Its bite is deadly, spreading venom within eight seconds, or eight minutes, or eight days, or even eight years. Thus the name.)

Napuno ng ahas (It filled with snakes) was how Allih described the shack.

The snake charming tradition dates back to the 1800s and is handed down from father to son. Not only the tradition but also the *tarbunco* (a white ball formed from the snakes' mouths) is passed on.

The Allih experience is a less-popular route to unravel the secrets of Olutanga. But going beyond the set itinerary and discarding preconceived notions are means to absorb sundry lessons and increase understanding.

Yes, believing gives rise to courage even in the face of thousands of deadly snakes. The less discovered places score a victory because they have unique wonders to offer. And that's exactly what Sibugay is all about.



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STB regional office

THE SINGAPORE Tourism Board has opened its regional office in Manila, paving the way for a stronger market presence in the Philippines and better customer service to Philippine visitors.

The new office, located at Oledan Square in Makati City, was inaugurated on April 15 at the NBC Tent in Fort Bonifacio with a celebration led by Lim Neo Chian, STB deputy chair and chief executive.

It is the STB's fifth such office in Asean, after Kuala Lumpur, Jakarta, Medan and Ho Chi Minh City.

STB Manila features a fully equipped Visitor Information Center, where potential visitors from the Philippines can get the latest information on Singapore's leisure offerings, business travel, education and health care services.

"The opening of STB Manila marks Singapore's commitment to the Filipino market," Lim said. "Over the years, Singapore has seen a growing number of visitors from the Philippines, with a record of close to 200,000 visitors in 2002. Last year, the Philippines climbed one notch to become our 12th visitor-generating market, with more than 176,000 visitors."

Present at the inauguration were Philippine Tourism Secretary Roberto Pagdanganan, Singapore Ambassador to the Philippines Lim Kheng Hua, Makati Mayor Jejomar Binay, as well as prominent figures of the Philippine travel industry.

As a gift, the STB said it would contribute P1,000 for every guest present at the event to a tourism-related organization. The beneficiary will be identified at a later date.

Ilocos travel guide

GAMENG: Museo Ilocos Norte has launched "Ilocos Norte: A Travel Guide," a full-color, 236-page guidebook that offers a perspective on the province's 22 towns and one city as well as insights on Ilocano culture, historical facts and even things to do when on a visit.

Scholars, writers, photographers and illustrators worked on the project, with church historian Regalado Trota Jose heading the creative team.

The guidebook is the first published by Museo Ilocos Norte, which serves as the repository of Ilocano culture and is housed in a Spanish-era *tabacalera* in Laoag City.

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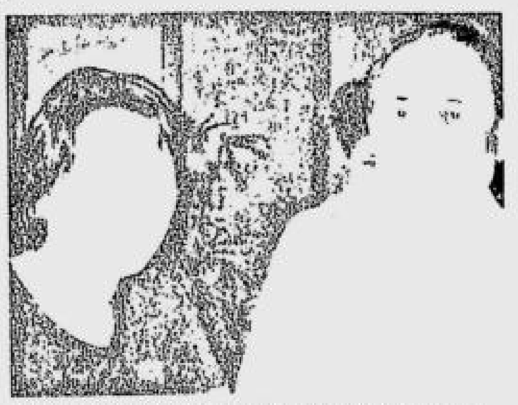
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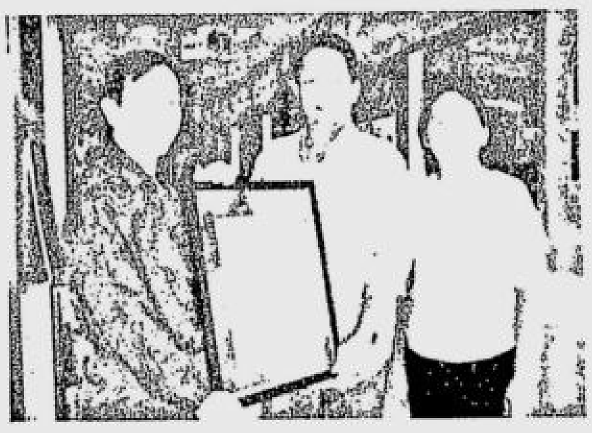

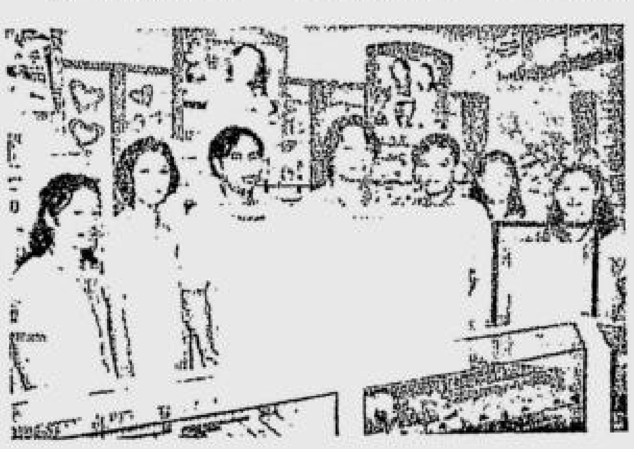

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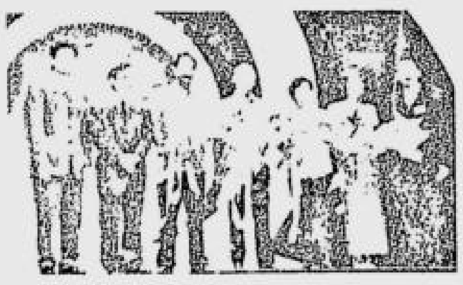

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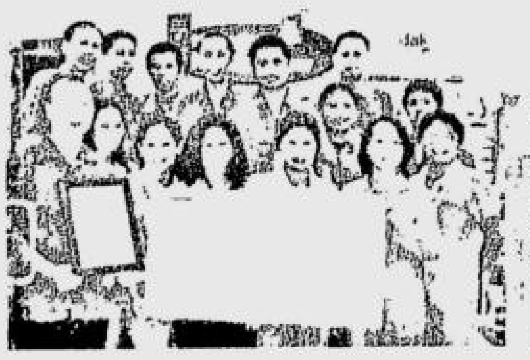

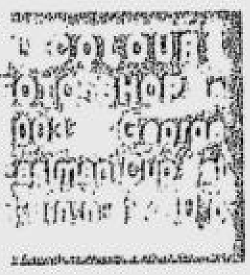

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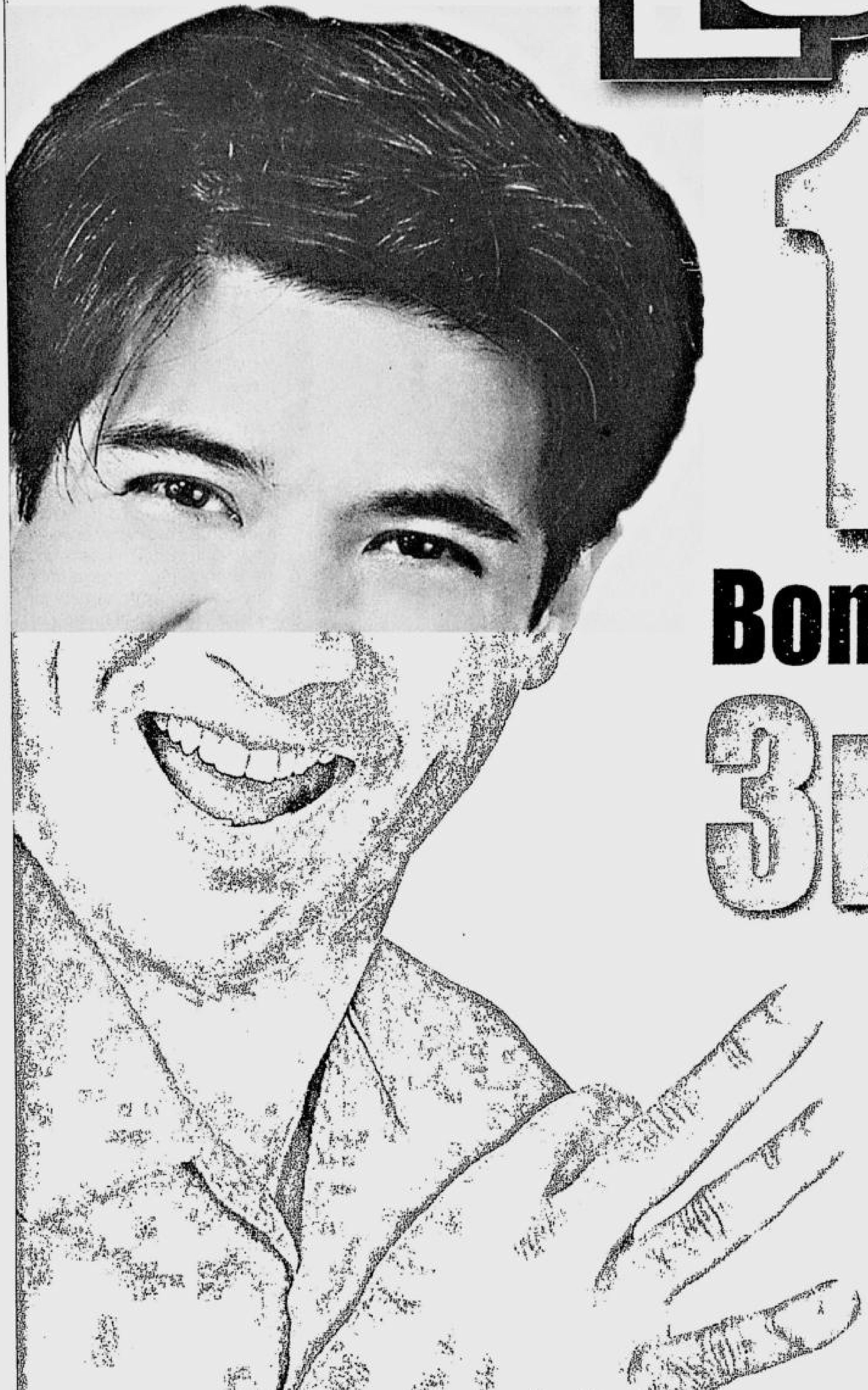
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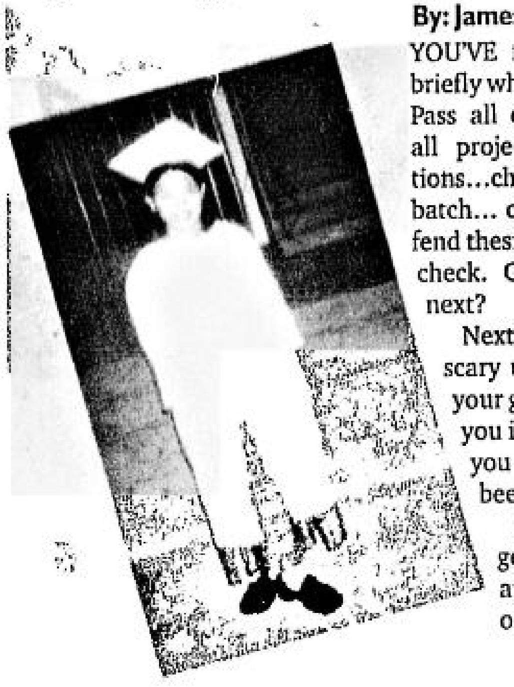

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Supreme Court to use IT project students

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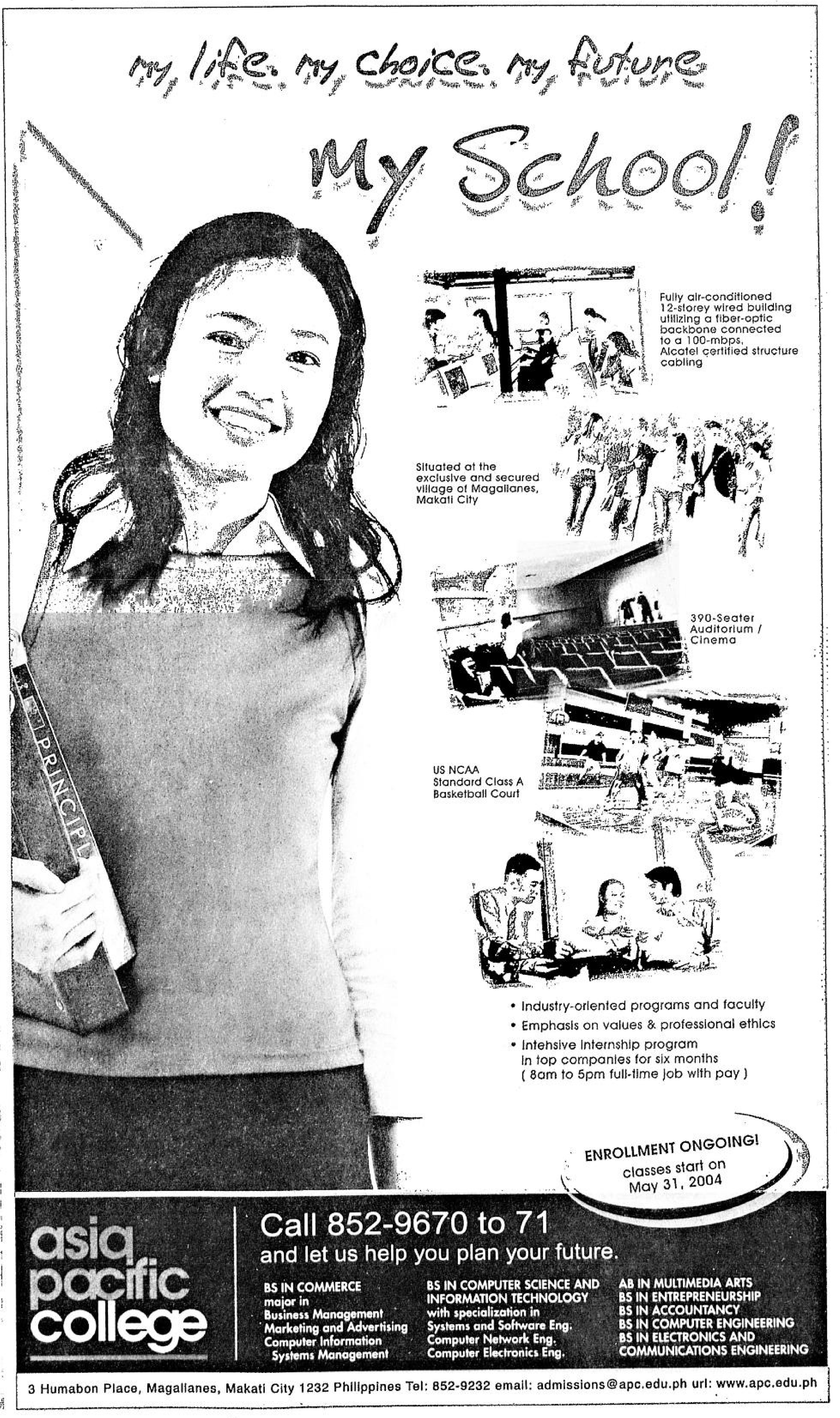
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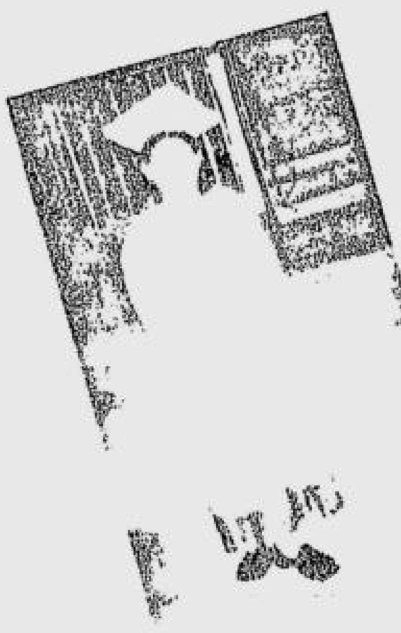

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One is Gina Alunan Melgar, who devoted her life and talent to helping migrant workers in Hongkong and other Filipino OFWs. She died of cancer two years ago. Another is Catherine Alejandro Villanueva, a counselor, friend and companion to persons with terminal cancer, easing their pain and isolation with her caring presence. Aurora Escaler Saenz puts up soup kitchens and free clinics for the poorest of the poor in Cebu. She also heals lives broken by substance abuse and domestic violence, and restores the self-esteem of battered women through counseling, legal services, and safe shelters.

Motivation refined

Since you don't live in glass bubbles, many social factors are responsible in determining what motivates someone like you to excel.

a) Parents. They play a key role in shaping student aspirations and achievement. The family provides the primary educational environment. Parent involvement improves student achievement. When parents are involved, children do better in

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APC pioneering in 'Reality' classroom

THE ASIA Pacific College (APC) blazes the trail as it takes learning outside the classroom and into the boardroom. APC is a proud pioneer of the Active Learning System in the Philippines. This is a two-pronged program consisting of the Project based Learning and the Intensive Internship Program.

APC is perhaps the only school of its kind offering a comprehensive internship program for its students. Known as the Industry Academe Cooperative Education Program, it aims to provide a seamless transition for students to be professionals by instilling proper work ethics and developing skills required in the workplace. During this period, they are totally immersed in a real corporate environment, providing them with a comprehensive hands-on training in doing actual project and dealing with clients.

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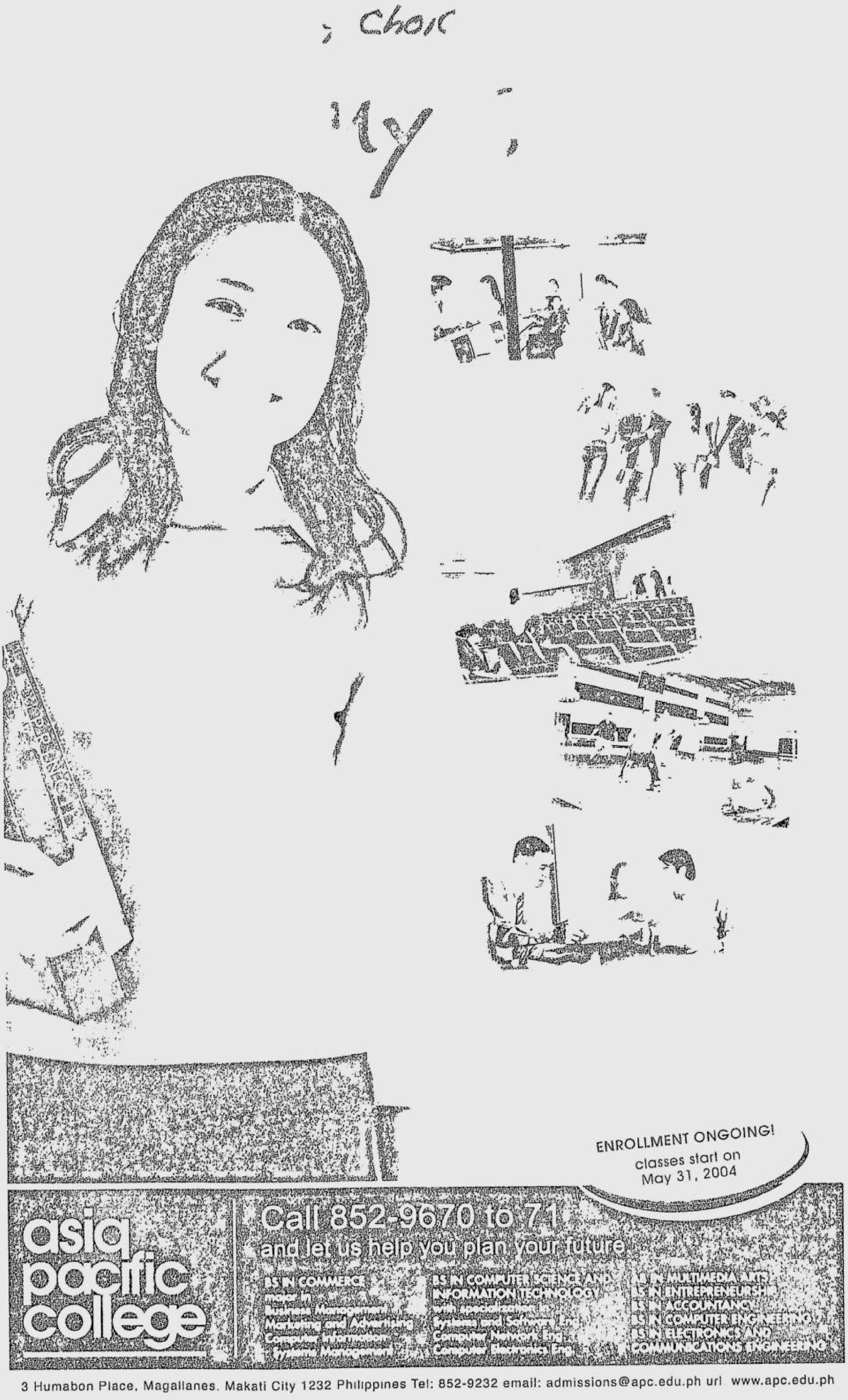
Supreme Court to use IT project students

THE SUPREME Court of the Philippines is preparing to pilot test several new Information technology (IT) projects to speed up court litigation and provide additional public service One of this projects is an automatic reporting system that would use e-mail and mobile short messaging system (SMS) to remind lawyers and their clients regarding the resumption or cancellation of court hearings.

This interesting concept developed by computer science and information technology (CSIT) students of the Asia Pacific College in collaboration with the Supreme Court's Miso Officers and staff will be pilot tested in some courts in, the next two months. Seven CSIT students were responsible for the system developed under their Project-Based Learning (PBL) Program. In the PBL , of which APC is the pioneer, students actually go into ventures by developing a business or raising proceeds for a charitable cause to showcase their entrepreneurial skills. APC students work closely wirh faculty members to developed concepts, conduct background research on the projects, evaluate Information and Communication Technology (ICT) options, and negotiate with potential industry or government service partners to developed a prototype Participating agencies and firms in the PBL Programs include the National Bureau Investigation (NBI), Bureau of Customs (BOC), Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG), Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), and the Supreme Court of the Philippines.

Lawyer Ivan Uy, Miso head said the projects were developed to streamline the long processes of the high court. "The SC (Supreme Court) wanted to utilize available technologies to speed up and clean up the judicial system," he said. With this SMS automatic reporting system, respondents to a case will know if a hearing is scheduled for them. For example, a court hearing is going to be cancelled then the system would send an e-mail or an SMS to the lawyers. No time is wasted going to the court just to find out that it's been cancelled.



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school.

b) Reading. The more students read in their leisure time the higher their reading proficiency is likely to be. Home support for reading is critical to fostering interest in academic achievement.

c) The school environment and climate. For those entering high school or college, choosing the school with the best environment is crucial for you. Choose wisely. The school must let you develop the confidence, self-esteem and courage to be your best selves.

· Does your school promote a sense of safety, belonging and support in the school and classroom?

· Does it have a healthy student-teacher relationship that can inspire, can move and can help motivate students to achieve better?

· Does it have programs such as the Student Excellence and Student Well-Being that are meant to provide the climate and environment within which students can be nurtured and their talents enhanced?

d) Personal responsibility. Student success or failure is also a matter of personal responsibility and discipline. Do you spend more time watching TV or texting your friends rather than doing your homework? There you have it, a short but intense checklist for the future. As Dr. Licuanan likes to say, "medals and trophies and recognition are nice (of course!) but remember that even without them you are valued and you are loved." And really, isn't that what we all want?

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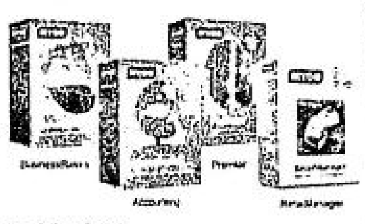

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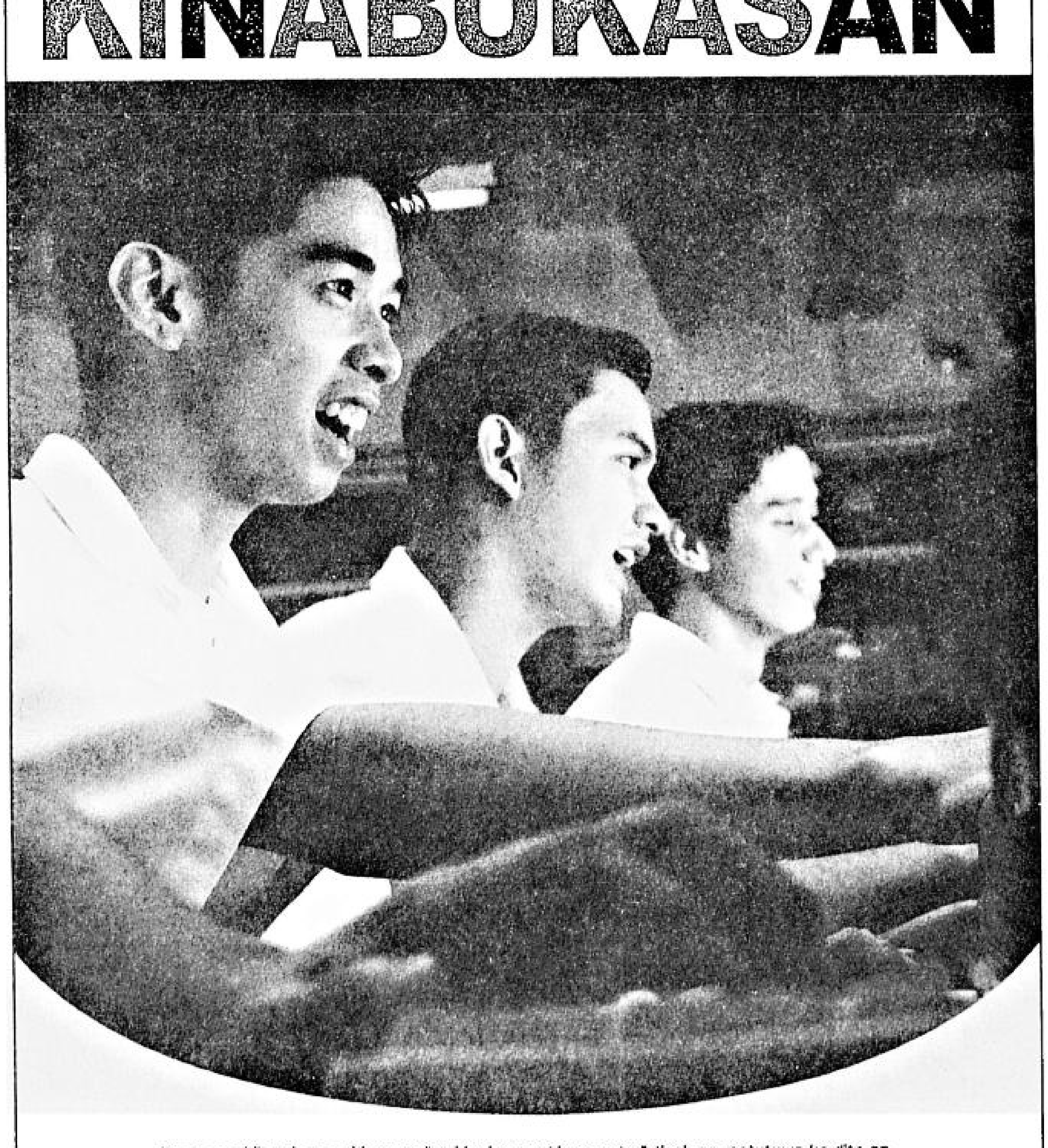

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Known for its 1:1 student-computer ratio to maximize learning through constant practical application, ACLC not only trains students in the latest Microsoft-licensed software programs but also grants them industry certification as an added advantage. Aside from keeping students abreast with the rapidly changing IT technologies, it provides them with employable IT skills and credentials after only 2 years.

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ACLC ensures that there is an IT course suited for each student's need. Course offerings include Computer System Design and Programming; Computer System and Network Technology; Business and Information Management; Computer-based Accountancy; Internet Technology; Telecommunications Technology; Advanced Electronics Application; and Network Science. Graduates of each diploma course are guaranteed of local and international qualifications that are both locally and internationally recognized.

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Global Affiliations & Certifications

ACLC's alliance with Cisco Systems also gives students the opportunity to receive extensive training in installing, maintaining and trouble-shooting local area networks (LAN). Aside from acquiring globally competitive skills, they are conferred with International Certifications and become certified Cisco network professionals, further boosting their chances of securing gainful employment.

Other global leaders in IT with which ACLC have formed affiliations, like Microsoft, Smartforce, National Computing Center of the United Kingdom (NCC-UK), afford the students a curriculum integrated with proprietary technology of renowned international brands. Moreover, apart from the ACLC diploma, students are conferred with the NCC-UK diploma upon graduation, an international certification, which makes them highly employable here and abroad.

Aside from the international certifications resulting from AMAES' global affiliations, students are given the added advantage of a Dual Training System Program, which ensures that they are given the chance to earn extra income while studying and vast employment opportunities after graduation.

Highly-Affordable Programs

A strong affirmation of ACLC's commitment to providing world-class education for the youth as an integral part of nation building, as espoused by AMAES founder Dr. Amable R. Aguiluz V, is its very competitively-priced diploma programs. Believing that the government's meager resources allotted for the education of the youth should be supplemented by efforts of the private sector, entities such as the AMA Foundation is truly a boon for the government and its citizens. In fact, to make education more accessible for the financially burdened, ACLC has priced its programs 50 percent less than the actual market value. Now, choosing the best IT school has never been easier.

AIIT Cubao holds English skills enhancement workshop

THE AMA International Institute of Technology - Cubao campus held a seminar-workshop on "English Language Skills Enhancement Towards a More Customer-Centered Campus" last March 26. Among the topics discussed were workplace readiness skills, cooperative learning and strategies on how to intensify customer-focus through enhanced English language skills.

Charles Sullivan, VP-COO of ACLC/AIIT said that the said seminar is just one of the many faculty development projects he has lined up for his cluster, consonant with the AMA Founder's vision of excellence in ICT-based education.

Jim P. Barbosa AMA Educational System (AMAES) senior assistant vice president and head of the international English Language Center (ELC), facilitated the said activity.

"This is a pioneering undertaking in enhancing customer-centered services through improved English language skills among the teaching and non-teaching staff of an AMAES campus" said Barbosa.

Other AMAES campuses and branches are expected to offer the same seminar-workshop to their respective employees soon.

Among the topics discussed were workplace readiness skills that include negotiating, clarifying, problem solving and reporting. The participants came up with situations and instances at work where these skills help them, especially in convincing prospective enrollees to enroll at AIIT and also in retaining students until they graduate.

To sustain the interest of all AIIT employees in improving their English language competency, Barbosa introduced the concept of cooperative learning whereby all employees agree to devote some time every week to learn and enhance their English language skills in listening, speaking, reading and writing. In cooperative learning, each employee is responsible for his and the other group members' English language skills improvement. They decide what they want to learn or improve on and use small group and interaction skills to achieve their objectives.

Towards the end of the seminar-workshop, all the AIIT employees headed by their school director, Arnold Pediongco, decided to adopt and implement the "English Only Initiative" program of the ELC. This is a program wherein all employees in an AMAES campus or branch agree to speak English only within the campus or branch most of the days in a week.

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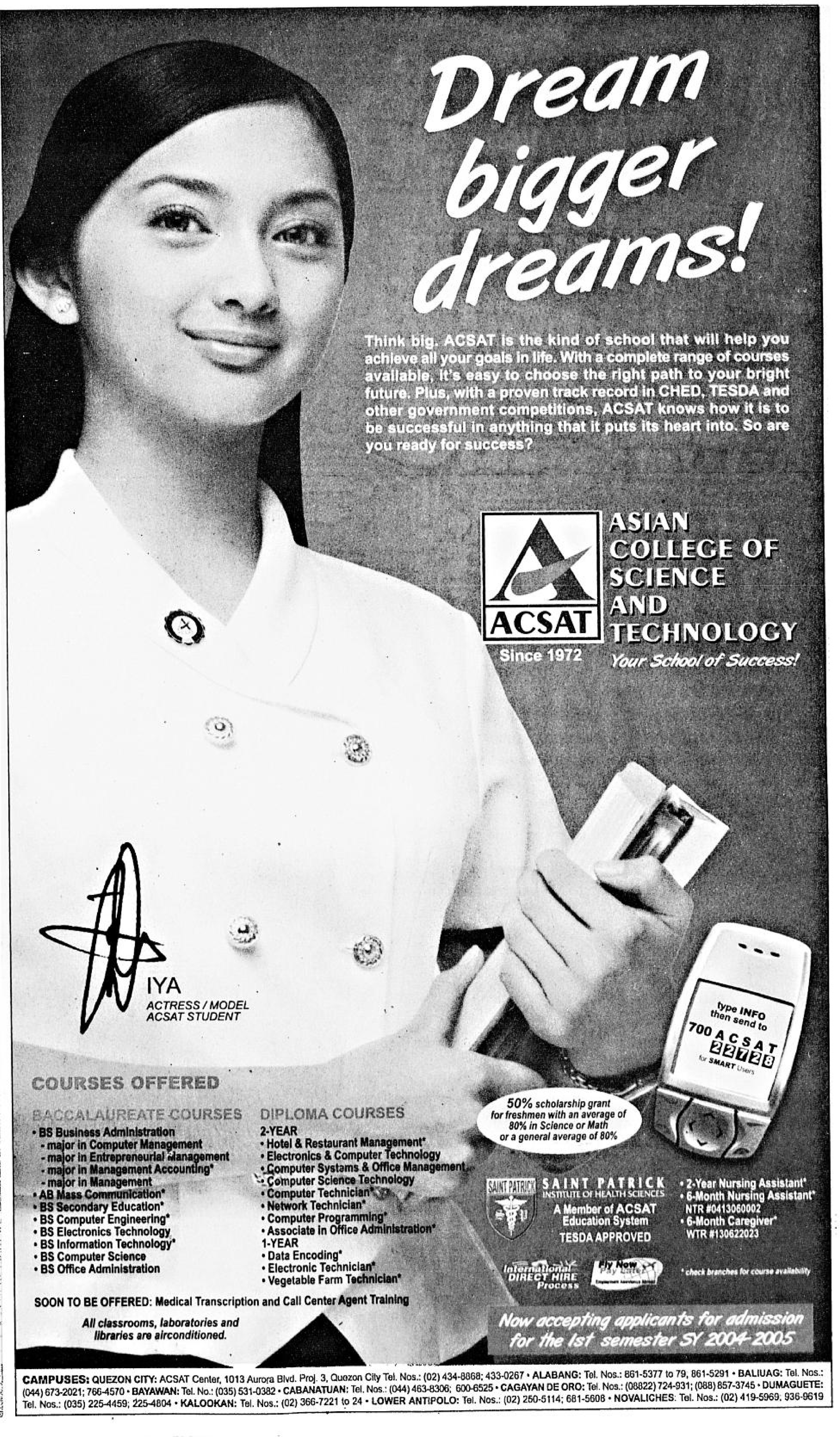

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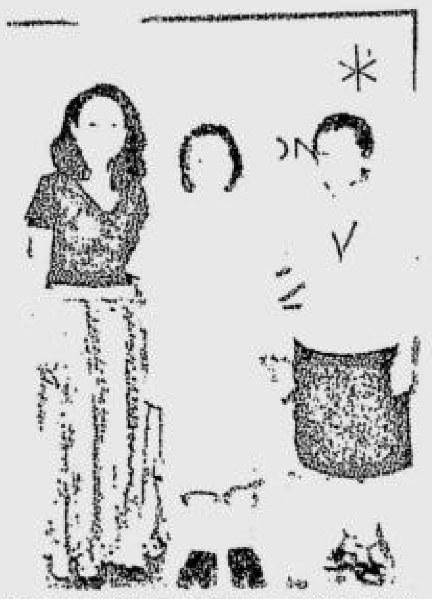

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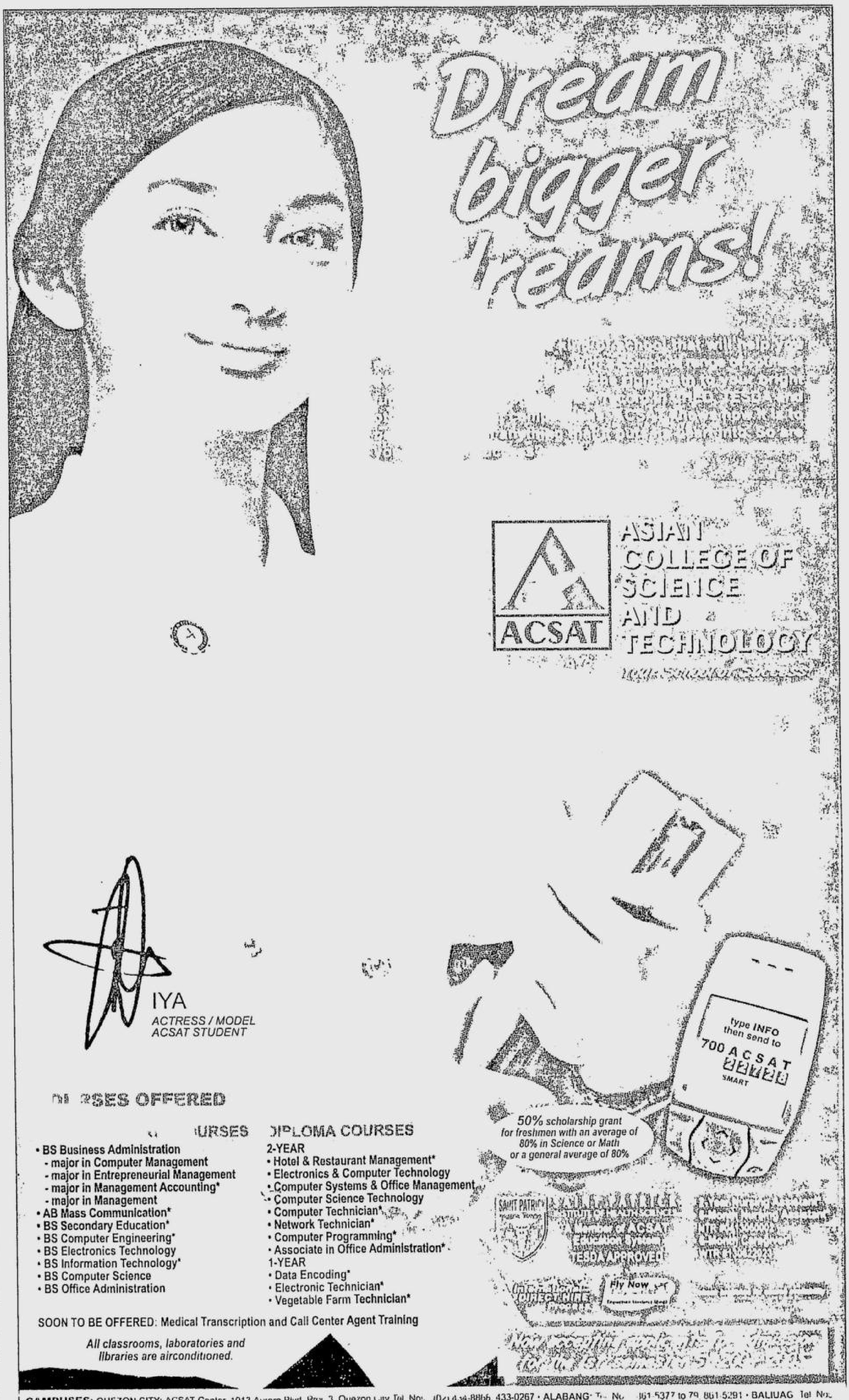

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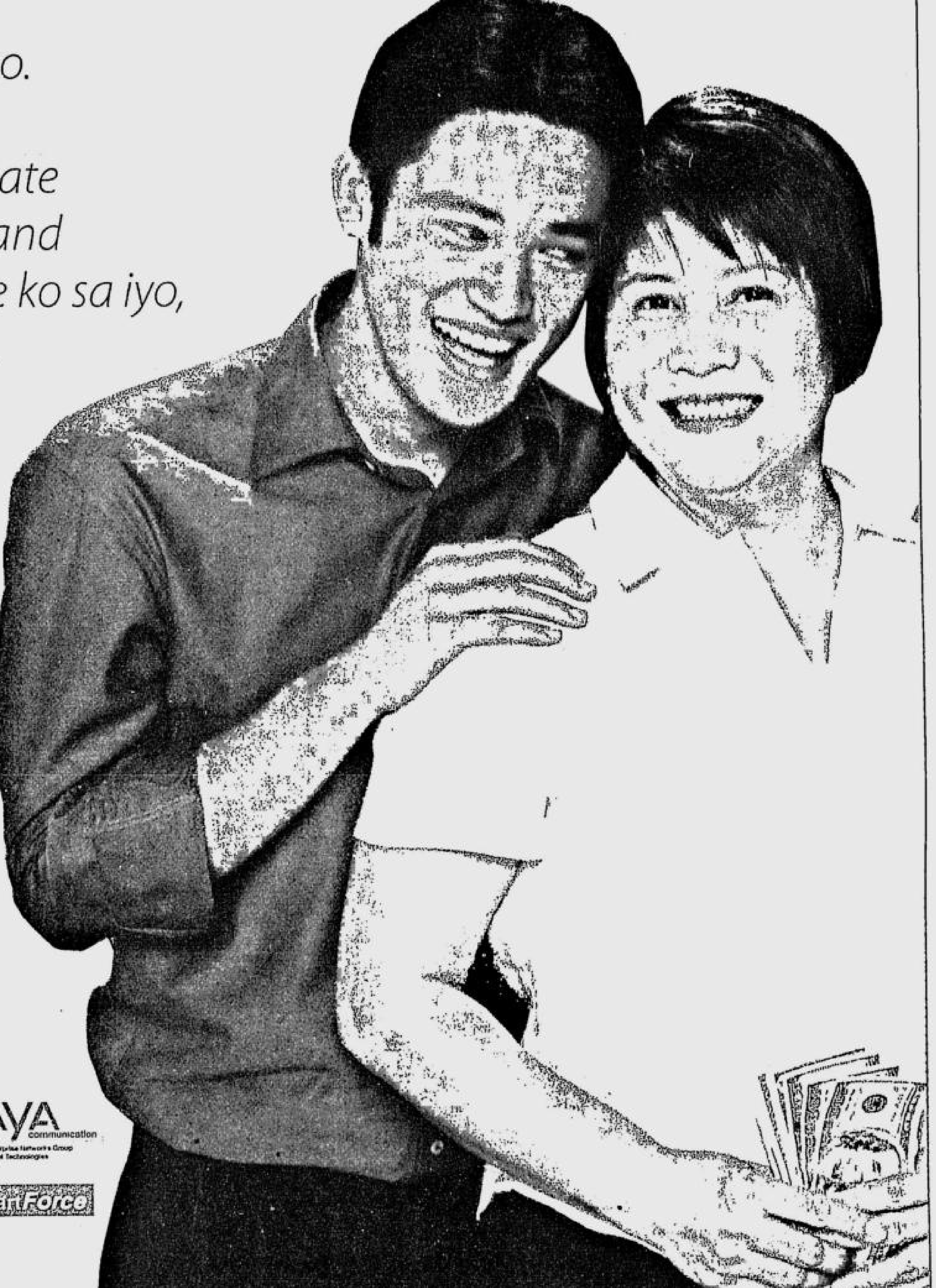

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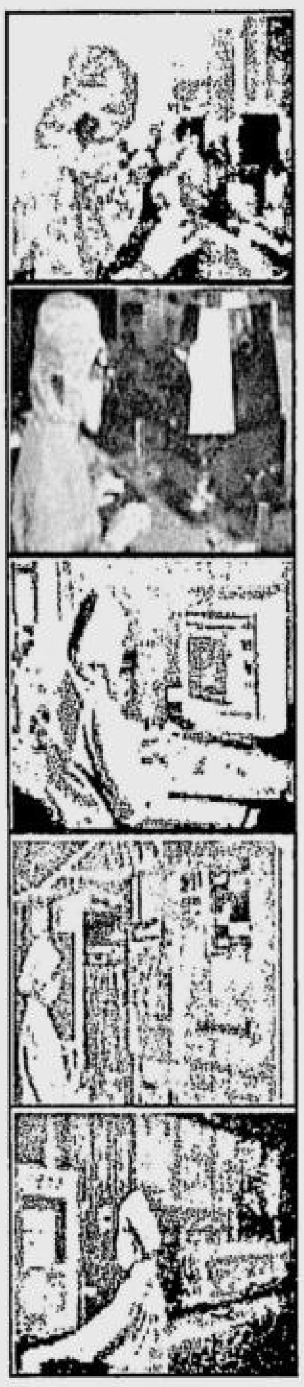

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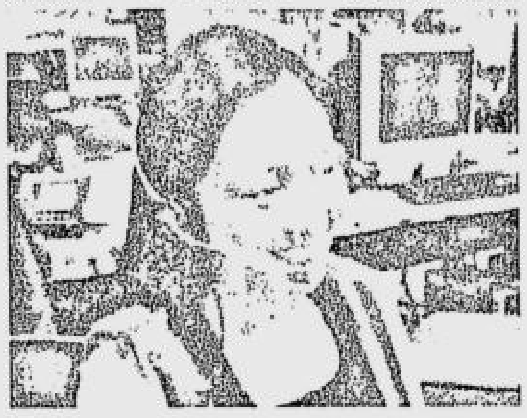

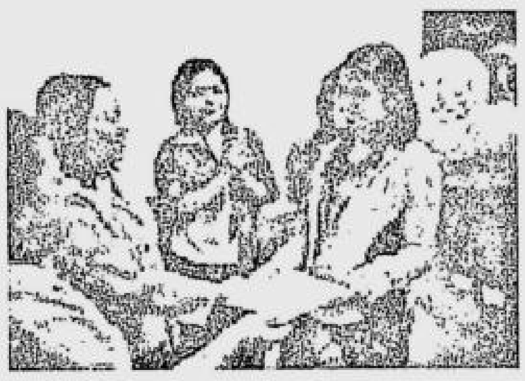

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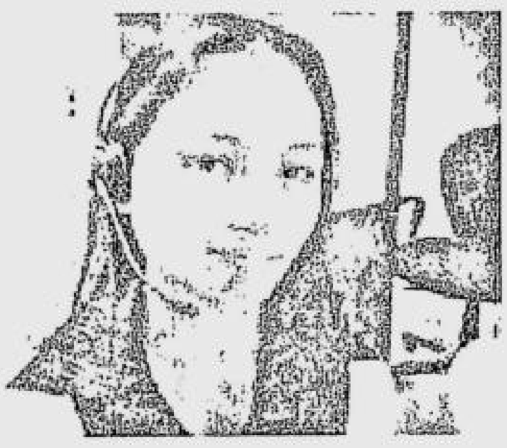

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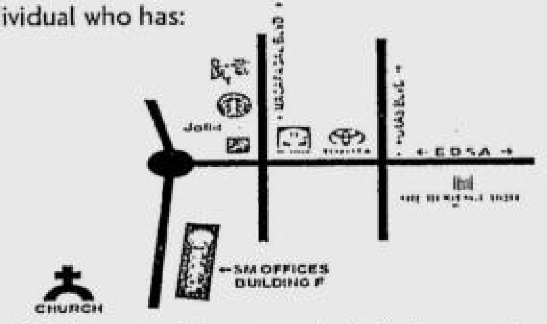

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- Female; between 22-28 years old;
- Graduate of BS Psychology or Behavioral Science;
- With at least 1-2 years work experience in recruitment and selection, in retail or manufacturing set-up;
- Computer literate; self-starter, can work under pressure and with minimum supervision;
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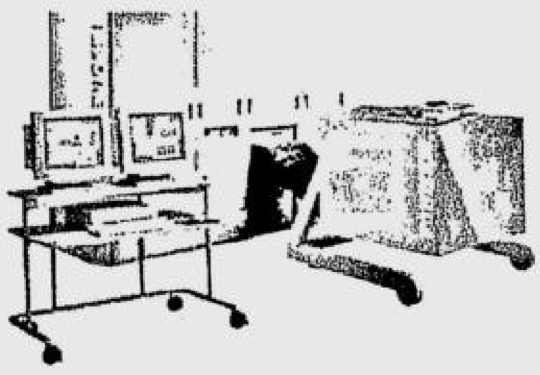

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- ◘ Excellent analytical and communication skills

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- ◘ Excellent analytical skills

TRAINER

- ◘ With previous training experience in a call center or related industry
- ◘ Exceptional presentation skills
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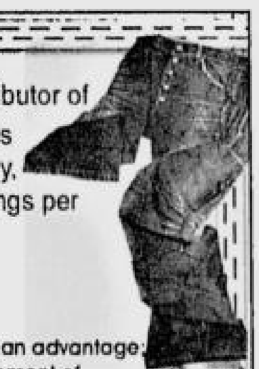

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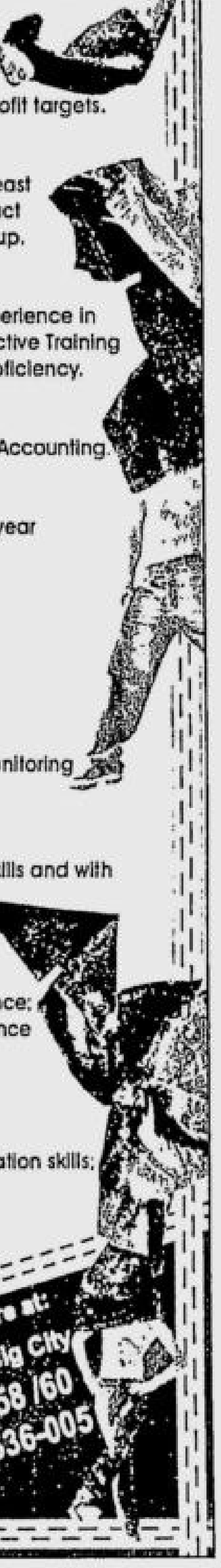

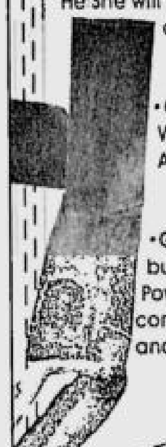

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- Computer literate (Windows/MS-Office, a must)

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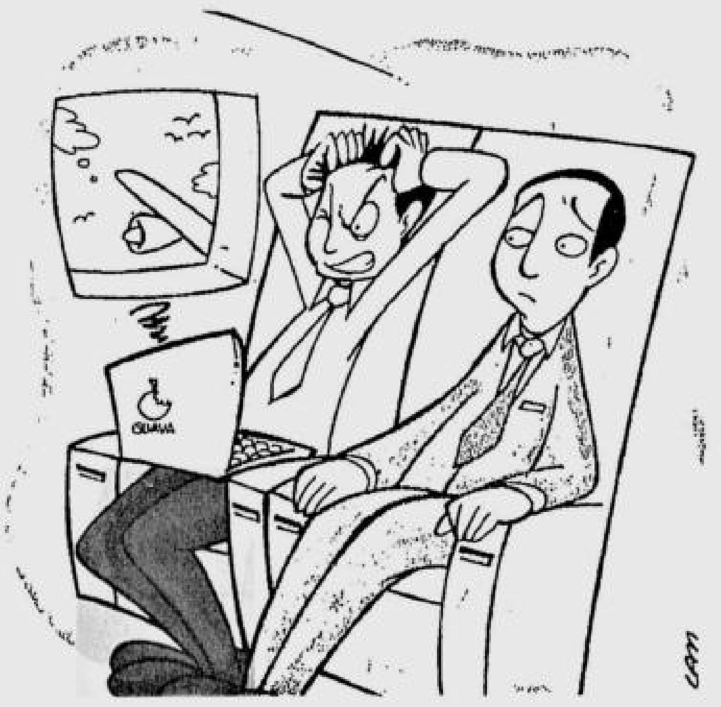
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Jet Lag

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Unfortunately, those of us without private jets don't have that kind of control on the road. But there are things we can do to make business traveling saner. Below are some tricks that work for me. You'll find more at http://www.inc.com/road warrior, developed by Jeff Seglin and Inc. Magazine.

Do you stay connected to your family? Ever return from a trip feeling like you need your conference nametag just so your kids would recognize you? Before I travel, I ask my daughter to tape a 10-second message on a pocket-size recordable alarm clock that I bought for just this purpose. I try to call at bedtime to say good night, and when that's not possible, I try to avoid the times when she's apt to be watching TV. There's only so much second-fiddleness a father can bear!

Do you have backup tech plans? How do computers know to crash when you're in the middle of your most important presentation? Avoid heartache. Bring an extra version of your presentation on a CD Rom, extra batteries, and work you can do in transit without your computer.

Do you get exercise? Continuing my regular workout on the road keeps me sane. If you don't exercise regularly, or if you can't fit your regular workout in, something as simple as an after dinner walk can help you stretch out plane-weary muscles and avoid that exhausting syndrome of plane, hotel, office, rinse, repeat.

Do you create a lifeline? Not a Regis lifeline—a customer support lifeline! I don't get on a plane without the tech support numbers for every machine, hotel and service I'll be using on the trip. It's a pain to collect the numbers, but it's a bigger pain to track them down from the road. Do you ask "what if" questions? A little imaginary thinking can spare you a lot of grief. For instance, what if there's no food on the plane? What if I miss my flight? I carry energy bars for the plane and never schedule the last plane out of a city. Contingency plans are the only way to fly.

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(Mr. Rosner is based in Seattle, Washington, USA. E-mail him at bob@workingwounded.com.)

'I cannot get a job!'

By Tita Datu Puangco

Advice

FOR THE ANXIOUS PERSON AT WORK

I WOULD like to seek your help. I am a graduate of batch 2002 and up to now I still don't have a job. I am feeling hopeless and scared of what may happen to me if I cannot get a job. Please help me about my problem. I do not have any backer or anyone who I can approach. I do seek your advice. Please help!

Job Wanted

Thank you for your letter. It is so brief though, it does not give me a clue as to your competencies or your interests. It does not also tell me what you have attempted to do to find a job. But what I do know is you have feelings of fear and hopelessness and these you have to control. You have to remember that there are many activities you can pursue—there are many factors that are within your area of control or influence.

First, write an attractive resume. It should answer the following questions: Where do you excel in terms of talents and skills? What achievements or accomplishments did you have as a student? What traits do you possess that would make an ideal employee? Then make a list of the companies you are interested in. Create a company database. Better still, research their website. Usually the website gives you an idea of the company culture, products and services, names of key people. These data will come in handy when you have to pay the company a visit.

Then, find out who is the Human Resource or Personnel Manager of these companies. Call to find out the company's application process. Some companies now ask for your resume to be sent to an e-mail address. You can also call up to inquire for vacancies. If they don't entertain you over the phone, find out the person in charge of recruitment. Then, call to set an appointment.

Second, look at your immediate circle of friends and relatives. Don't be shy. Go ahead and ask them for companies they could refer or vacancies they know. In the Philippine setting, using your personal network is still the best way to get job prospects.

Third, look at the Philippine Daily Inquirer's Job Market or try web-based search companies. Look for vacancies that suit your qualifications. Have the courage to send your resume. But remember, hundreds will apply. So have the courage to follow-up on your application. Perseverance is required. Don't be afraid if you are turned down the first time. Try again. The important thing is to get noticed enough so that you get scheduled for an interview.

Fourth, once you get scheduled for an interview, do not go without the proper preparation. I suggest simulating the interview and practice giving appropriate answers. Also dress in a manner that is compatible with the company's culture. If you are interviewing for a position in a bank, go for more formal wear. If you are applying with a call center, you can go more casual. Check ahead of time what attire is appropriate for the company.

Fifth, if you can't find a job, create your own job. This is the age of entrepreneurship! The growth of micro-lending has seen the tremendous growth of micro-activities or enterprises. A little capital can go a long way if well managed.

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All the best and God bless!

(Ms Puangco is CEO and chair of Ancilla Enterprise Development Consulting. Send feedback through e-mail to advice@ancilla edc.com.ph *or fax to 892-2902.)*

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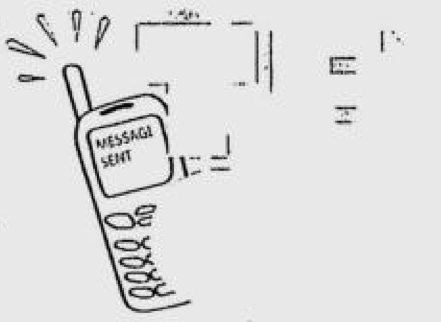

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- A confirmation message will be sent after receipt of every answer.
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- Each correct answer will earn the participant the corresponding number of raffle entries.
- The number of raffle entries will vary depending on the question answered.
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How do you stay sane when you travel for work?

WORKING WOUNDED

Bob Rosner

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DEAR WW: I've just started to travel for work and it's driving me nuts.

I read in your book that you've earned over a million frequent flyer miles. What tricks have you learned for staying sane?

Jet Lag

My mom was a brilliant backseat driver. Whenever she drove with someone she considered a "speed demon," she would sit directly behind the driver. Then, when the speedometer crept too high she'd hit the spot where the driver's seat belt fastened to the floor. Invariably her "braking" left the driver gasping for air.

Unfortunately, those of us without private jets don't have that kind of control on the road. But there are things we can do to make business traveling saner. Below are some tricks that work for me. You'll find more at http://www.inc.com/road warrior, developed by Jeff Seglin and Inc. Magazine.

Do you stay connected to your family? Ever return from a trip feeling like you need your conference nametag just so your kids would recognize you? Before I travel, I ask my daughter to tape a 10-second message on a pocket-size recordable alarm clock that I bought for just this purpose. I try to call at bedtime to say good night, and when that's not possible, I try to avoid the times when she's apt to be watching TV. There's only so much second-fiddleness a father can bear!

Do you have backup tech plans? How do computers know to crash when you're in the middle of your most important presentation? Avoid heartache. Bring an extra version of your presentation on a CD Rom, extra batteries, and work you can do in transit without your computer.

Do you get exercise? Continuing my regular workout on the road keeps me sane. If you don't exercise regularly, or if you can't fit your regular workout in, something as simple as an after dinner walk can help you stretch out plane-weary muscles and avoid that exhausting syndrome of plane, hotel, office, rinse, repeat.

Do you create a lifeline? Not a Regis lifeline—a customer support lifeline! I don't get on a plane without the tech support numbers for every machine, hotel and service I'll be using on the trip. It's a pain to collect the numbers, but it's a bigger pain to track them down from the road. Do you ask "what if" questions? A little imaginary thinking can spare you a lot of grief. For instance, what if there's no food on the plane? What if I miss my flight? I carry energy bars for the plane and never schedule the last plane out of a city. Contingency plans are the only way to fly.

Are you prepared for things to go wrong? You know they will. So leave your perfectionism at the office. I'm a type A personality on the ground, but when I fly I turn type B. Try these tricks and you'll have an easier time going from point A to points B, C, D, E ...

Here are the results of our last workingwounded.com, ABCnews.com online ballot: Which movie title best describes your feelings about traveling for work?

—Paths of Glory, 13.7%

—The Body Snatcher, 25.5%

—Catch 22, 60.7%

(Mr. Rosner is based in Seattle, Washington, USA. E-mail him at bob@workingwounded.com.)

'I cannot get a job!'

By Tita Datu Puangco

Advice

FOR THE ANXIOUS PERSON AT WORK

I WOULD like to seek your help. I am a graduate of batch 2002 and up to now I still don't have a job. I am feeling hopeless and scared of what may happen to me if I cannot get a job. Please help me about my problem. I do not have any backer or anyone who I can approach. I do seek your advice. Please help!

Job Wanted

Thank you for your letter. It is so brief though, it does not give me a clue as to your competencies or your interests. It does not also tell me what you have attempted to do to find a job. But what I do know is you have feelings of fear and hopelessness and these you have to control. You have to remember that there are many activities you can pursue—there are many factors that are within your area of control or influence.

First, write an attractive resume. It should answer the following questions: Where do you excel in terms of talents and skills? What achievements or accomplishments did you have as a student? What traits do you possess that would make an ideal employee? Then make a list of the companies you are interested in. Create a company database. Better still, research their website. Usually the website gives you an idea of the company culture, products and services, names of key people. These data will come in handy when you have to pay the company a visit.

Then, find out who is the Human Resource or Personnel Manager of these companies. Call to find out the company's application process. Some companies now ask for your resume to be sent to an e-mail address. You can also call up to inquire for vacancies. If they don't entertain you over the phone, find out the person in charge of recruitment. Then, call to set an appointment.

Second, look at your immediate circle of friends and relatives. Don't be shy. Go ahead and ask them for companies they could refer or vacancies they know. In the Philippine setting, using your personal network is still the best way to get job prospects.

Third, look at the Philippine Daily Inquirer's Job Market or try web-based search companies. Look for vacancies that suit your qualifications. Have the courage to send your resume. But remember, hundreds will apply. So have the courage to follow-up on your application. Perseverance is required. Don't be afraid if you are turned down the first time. Try again. The important thing is to get noticed enough so that you get scheduled for an interview.

TRATION B' ANTHONY MISTADES

Fourth, once you get scheduled for an interview, do not go without the proper preparation. I suggest simulating the interview and practice giving appropriate answers. Also dress in a manner that is compatible with the company's culture. If you are interviewing for a position in a bank, go for more formal wear. If you are applying with a call center, you can go more casual. Check ahead of time what attire is appropriate for the company.

Fifth, if you can't find a job, create your own job. This is the age of entrepreneurship! The growth of micro-lending has seen the tremendous growth of micro-activities or enterprises. A little capital can go a long way if well managed.

In closing, do send your expanded resume to the e-mail address ealimsipson@ancilla edc.com.ph for pooling purposes. We will see what we can do. By the, way if some of our readers are retired human resource practitioners interested in training or consultancy work, send in your application.

All the best and God bless!

(Ms Puangco is CEO and chair of Ancilla Enterprise Development Consulting. Send feedback through e-mail to advice@ancilla edc.com.ph *or fax to 892-2902.)*

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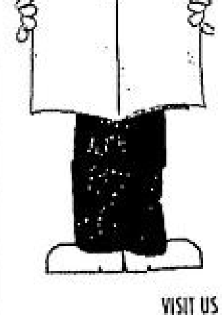

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The art of finding contentment

BEST ★ Attitudes

By Teresa Reyes Tunay
Illustrations by Rolando Reyes

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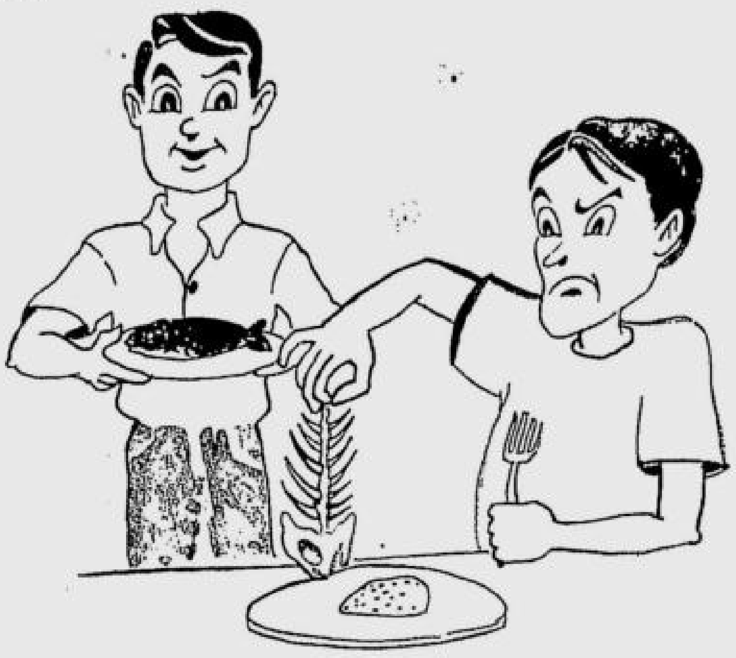
TWO brothers were eating fish. One grumbled: "Yuck, this fish is full of bones! " The other smiled and said, "If there are bones, there must be flesh, too! Be thankful for the whole fish and you'll enjoy your meal! "



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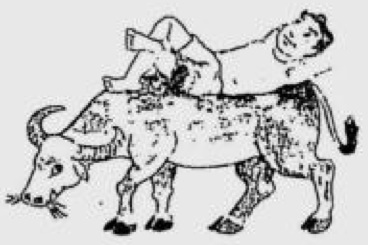

At work, at home and in life, we're mostly unhappy because we don't see the good that is there; thus, contentment is hard to find. Do you have contentment when you are "easy to please" or when you know how to make do with what you've got?

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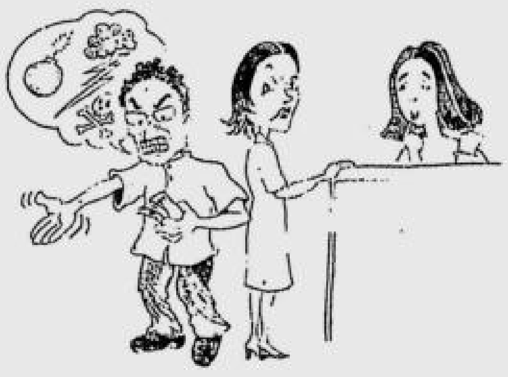
Robby Reclamador gets a salary increase. His colleagues congratulate him for the well-deserved raise, but instead of rejoicing over it, he frowns and snaps, "Is this all they're giving me? " (He doesn't have contentment—he doesn't seem to know himself and his capabilities that well).



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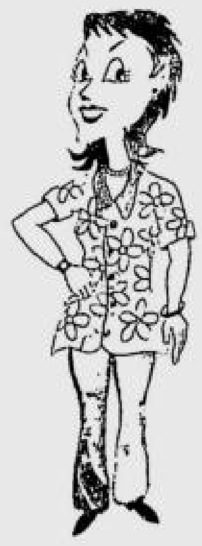
Home from the shopping mall, Vanessa Vanidosa tries on her new blouse and thinks, "Hmmm, the color looked better in the shop. I don't like this; I'll go buy the green one, too!" (She doesn't have contentment—bothering herself too much about things not essential to her existence).



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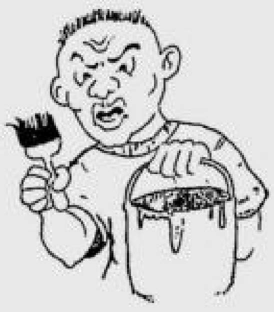

Pete Pintasero hyper-ventilates each time he sees the "lousy paint job" done on his garage: "Drat those painters! Can't do anything right!

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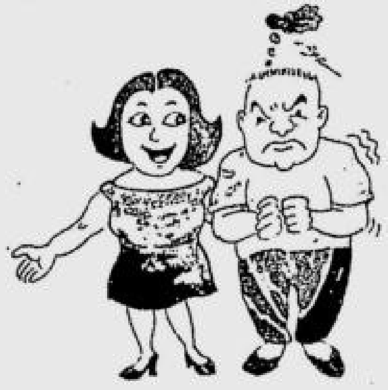

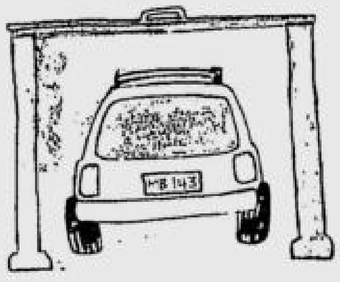

Good thing he has a sensible wife who reminds him: "Aren't you glad we have a garage, darling? So many people don't even have a roof over their head! " (Pete does not have contentment; he only sees what displeases him but not the things he owns that not everybody is lucky enough to have).

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Contentment may be a gift, but you can ask for it. You just have to be a little more awake about things. For example, get to know yourself as well as you should. Faced with your limitations, you become humble. Therefore, when you get awards, a promotion or a salary increase, you are thankful, not demanding more because you know in your heart that you deserve less.

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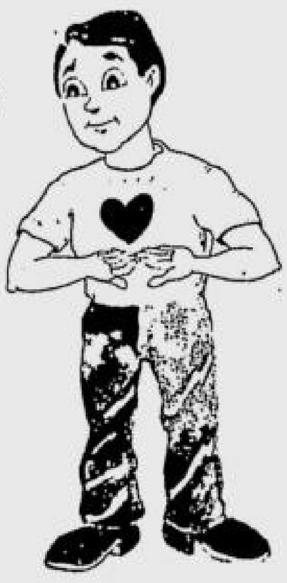

Recognize the fact that the most important part of you is that which you do not see, and learn to sincerely nurture it. Soon you will no longer fret that people might think less of you if you don't look like what they want you to.

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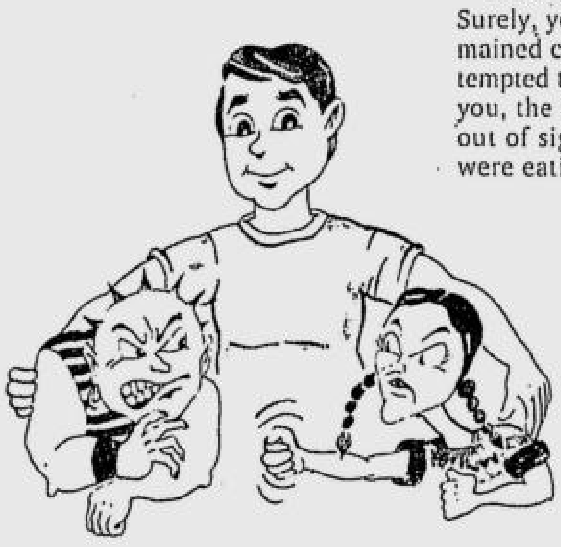
Being more aware of what's going on in and around you increases your understanding and acceptance of other people's limitations and of "unfortunate" circumstances (like being skipped over at promotion time, etc.) Sunny or cloudy, you can be calm, sure that everything is in the process of turning out for the best.



These few instances let you know you have contentment. Surely, you can recall a few more and look into how you remained cool in the midst of aggravations? Next time you're tempted to carp about your job that overworks and underpays you, the food in your plate, or people you're itching to kick out of sight, pause and think about the two brothers who were eating fish.

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Life is not a "boneless bangus"—it's got flesh and bones! In fact, it's the bones that make life more interesting and worth the trouble! The "bones" are the challenges that keep your eyes open (so to speak), so that you are ever ready for opportunities for growth and improvement. Contentment doesn't come from a perfect environment—it is bred within you once you learn to enjoy the fish in spite of its bones.

REFLECTIONS FOR THE WORKING SOUL

Working for more

By Bishop Precioso D. Cantillas, SDB,DD

IN A WORLD where "what you see is what you get" and what is true is what can be proven beyond reasonable doubt, what does believing in something supernatural bring to anyone? This is practically the question which Thomas in today's gospel asks his other companions who believed they have seen Jesus alive when they saw Him with their eyes buried just three days ago.

Many workers are like "modern Thomases." They are practical and do not waste time entertaining tales about things beyond what their senses can feel. Their pragmatic attitude and approach prevent them from valuing their daily work more than what they could tangibly measure. They cannot see beyond the routine task that they perform everyday.

There are some workers, however, who, like the other disciples of Jesus, see the "mark of the nails in the hands" of the Risen Lord—they believe in the presence of Jesus and see an added value to the work of their hands. They experience greater joy and contentment realizing that after sacrificing themselves in hard work, they attain fuller self-realization—they become better persons with a greater sense of dignity, having accomplished something through their work. They are greatly motivated in their jobs, seeing that their families benefit from the self-denials they suffer in doing their jobs properly. They also have a greater sense of self-worth knowing that with their work they contribute to the progress of the greater society. They feel secure that their ordinary work done with faith in the presence of Jesus produces supernatural results—graces for eternal salvation. (*E-mail the author at* mfvg@skyinet.net)

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Gospel John 20: 19-31

So the other disciples said to him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nailmarks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

Bouncing back

By Teresa R. Tunay, OCDS

THE WORKPLACE normally offers enough situations that spur us to be productive on a day-to-day basis. Human nature is so resilient that no matter what irritants are present at work, we somehow find ways to overcome them and go on merrily whistling on our way. When threatened by boredom or faced with provocative situations that try our patience, relief usually pops up in so many forms—maybe someone will crack a joke, text us the latest showbiz gossip, treat us to *taho*, bring us good news or confide a domestic problem to us (thereby distracting us from our woes), etc. Whatever form it takes, the remedy surely saves us from blowing our top while at work.

But we can't always be that easygoing. There are days when we wake up on the proverbial wrong side of the bed, when no matter how hard we try, we can't rise above the trying situations at work. In fact, they don't even have to be that trying—we simply are too vulnerable to tolerate the lightest burden or the slightest offense. Do we charge it to mood fluctuations, low biorhythm, high blood sugar count or the waning moon?

No one is exempted from bad-hair days—male, female, wise, unwise. On such days, I "do a Thomas." I virtually poke my finger into His wound—but with a different purpose. I don't do so in order to believe He is risen; on the contrary, I already believe He is risen, thus I trust Him to rescue me from exasperation. Feeling His wounded side with my finger reminds me how much suffering He had been through, for us all, so why do I fuss over coworkers' quirks or unfortunate circumstances? I thank Him for this reminder that shames me, and sure enough, I bounce back to carefree mode. God is in control. (*E-mail the author at* avemaria@csi.com.ph)

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Expert stresses need for career planning

By Regina Galang Reyes

My TRABAHO

MY TRABAHO at dzRH interviewed Josefina O. Santamaria, president of Career Systems, Inc., last Wednesday on how we can plan our careers. Career Systems, Inc. is one of the leading consultancy companies in the Philippines providing career development services to individuals and companies. They will be conducting career planning seminars for the beneficiaries of the public service project of My Trabaho. Here is a summary of the interview (translated from Tagalog):

My Trabaho: Our question for today's program is, should one plan one's career or not? Should one do career planning before looking for work or even before taking up college? There are many successful people who never planned their careers.

Santamaria: Yes, it is true that there are many people who became successful even though they never planned their careers. I also believe that while man can plan, it is God's plans that are followed. I think that God places us in careers where we can use all our skills and talents in the service of others. But it is also nice if you have a career plan, at least before you choose your college course.

There are many students who just take courses but don't know why they are taking the courses. Perhaps, the courses are popular because these are in demand abroad. They take these courses even these are not of interest to or appropriate for them. So, what happens is, even while in college, many students keep on shifting courses. This results in wasted time and money. This also damages the self-esteem of the student when he or she does not do well in the course because of lack of interest.

My Trabaho: So, that is why there are students who have taken several courses but have not finished a single one. How about those who are older and already have jobs? Should they still do career planning?

Santamaria: Yes, they should. They should ask themselves if they are happy in what they are doing or if they like what they are doing. Is their work something that you look forward to everyday? Do they look forward to Monday or do they dread Monday? Do they look forward to Friday or do they dread Fridays? People who force themselves to do a certain job usually end up putting their work aside in favor of other distractions like the telephone or going frequently to the comfort room or socializing. These behaviors indicate they are not happy with their work.

My Trabaho: So that means that you should work not only for the salary but also because you enjoy your work.

Santamaria: Yes. Also, in the course of one's career, you may also do career planning at several points in time because our interests change. When you are young, when you are single, you have interests that are aligned to your lifestyle. When you have a family, your needs, values and interests change. So as you change, you also have to plan your career at different points in time.

My Trabaho: So, how many times does one have to do career planning or change careers in a lifetime?

Santamaria: I will say probably around five times. The first would be before you take a college course, the second, before you start working. You have to ask yourself if the course you took is right for you. There have been many instances where students take up, let's say, nursing or education because these are the popular courses at the time.

My Trabaho: Another popular course is caregiving.

Santamaria: If you want to know if a course is right for you, try talking to people who are in your chosen career. Ask them what they do every day. What are their major tasks? What are the things that they like about their jobs? Interview people'who are happy in their jobs as well as those who are not, so that you can a balanced view of your chosen career or occupation.

My Trabaho: For those who shift careers in their later years, should they forget about their previous career?

Santamaria: I believe that the skills you acquire as you go through life will not be wasted. When you shift careers, you also bring the skills you acquired in your previous career to your new career.

My Trabaho: So, does it happen that in later years, you can have dual careers?

Santamaria: Yes, that can happen. There is also what we call the "primary career." In my case, ever since I started working, I've always been in teaching. And as I look back in my life, it has always been in the field of education, training. There is one point when I said, "Perhaps I should try a corporate career." Like an internal consultant in a company in the field of human relations but somehow, I always go back to teaching and now, training.

My Trabaho: I've noticed that often, career changes happen during midlife crisis. Is this really part of midlife crisis?

Santamaria: Well, not all who go through a midlife crisis change careers. According to my readings, career change in midlife only happens if at the start, the individual went into a career that was not of his own choosing. For example, as a young man, he may have taken a job because of urgings from his family. So even though he does not like the job, he was forced to get it because of the needs of his growing family. So, at a certain point in time, usually at from the age of 38 to 45, these people go through a re-evaluation of their careers. They start to question their earlier career decisions. Sometimes, this reevaluation process also covers other choices, for example, their choice of a marriage partner. Sometimes, when career changes happen, the marriage is also affected. This is very apparent in the US where changing careers coincide with changing partners. Here, it is not so prevalent because we are a religious people and we have a stronger sense of commitment.

My Trabaho: How about the youth? There are many who do not know want they want. What can they do?

Santamaria: In schools, there are usually guidance counselors. They can just go to these counselors and take an interest test, personality test or aptitude test. Based on the results, the guidance counselor will be able to give them the proper career counseling.

(On Wednesday, April 21, tune in to the second part of Ms. Santamaria's interview on "My Trabaho at dzRH" which airs 3 to 4 p.m. on 666 on your AM radio dial in Metro Manila. DzRH is heard nationwide through the following relay stations: Iloilo 1485, Laoag 990, Bacolod 1080, Tuguegarao 576, Cebu 1395, Santiago 684, Cagayan de Oro 972, Baguio 612, Zamboanga 855, Dagupan 1440, Davao 1260, Lucena 1224, General Santos 531, Naga 981, Cotobato 567, Sorsogon 1287, Puerto Princesa 693, Tacloban 990.)

JOSIE Santamaria (second from left) with Career Systems Inc.'s officers (L-R) senior consultants Myra Lapus, Thelma Geraldine Baricaua, Carmen Gonzalez; marketing director Marie Desiree Urbi, managing director Jorge Santamaria

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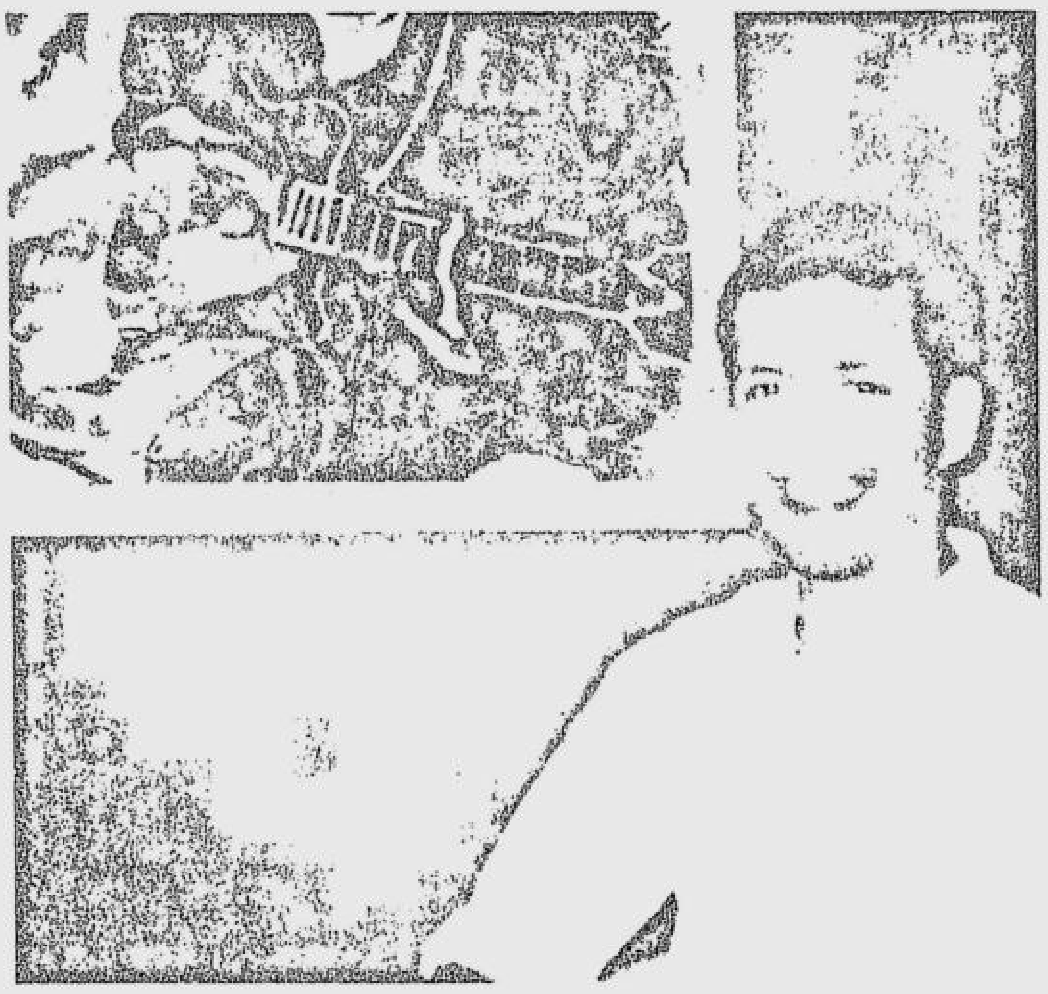

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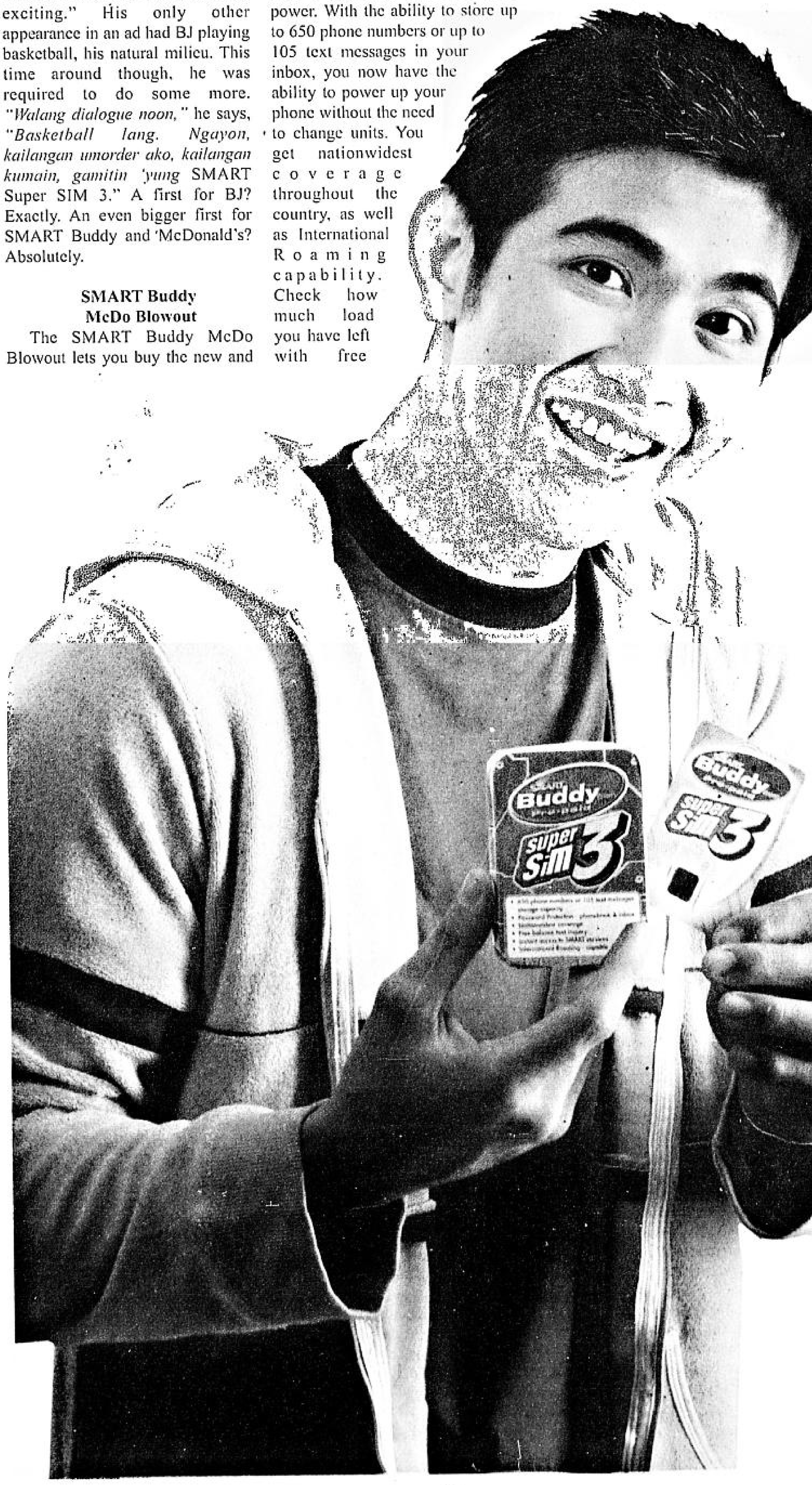

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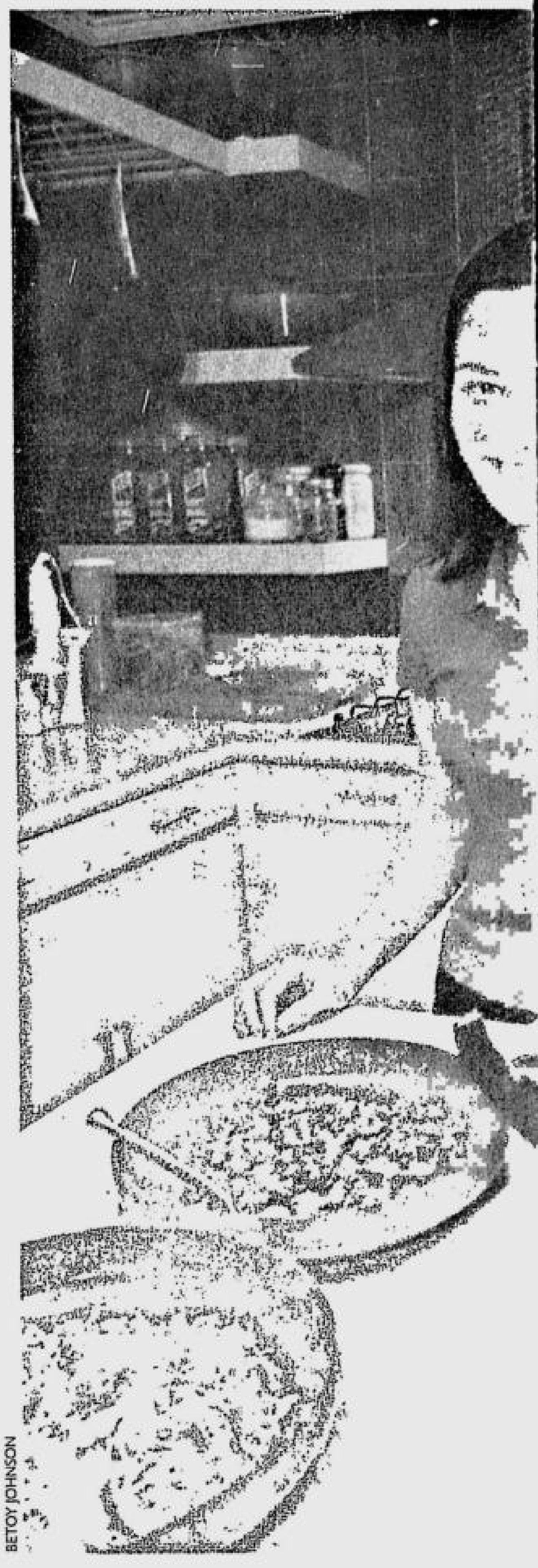

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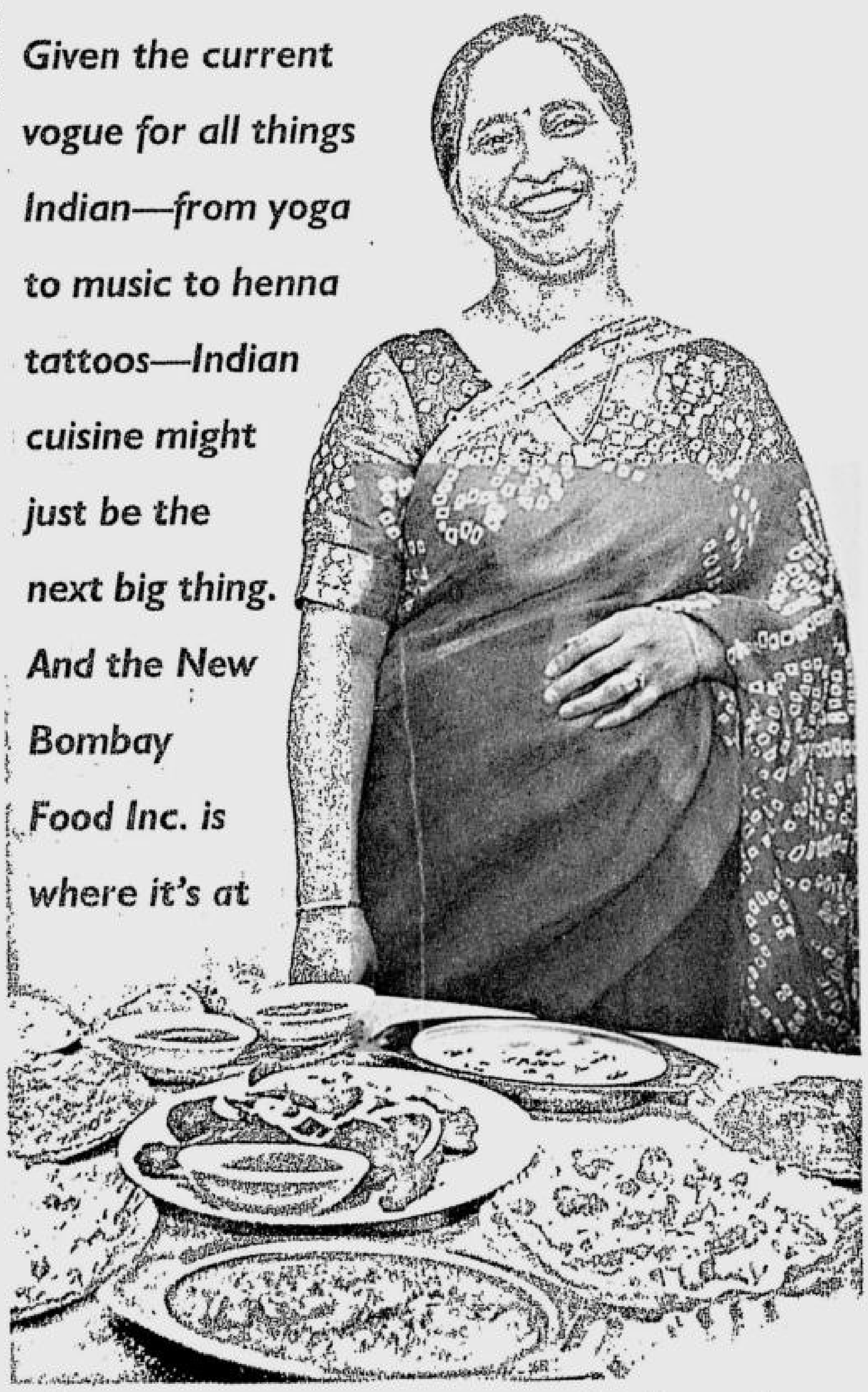

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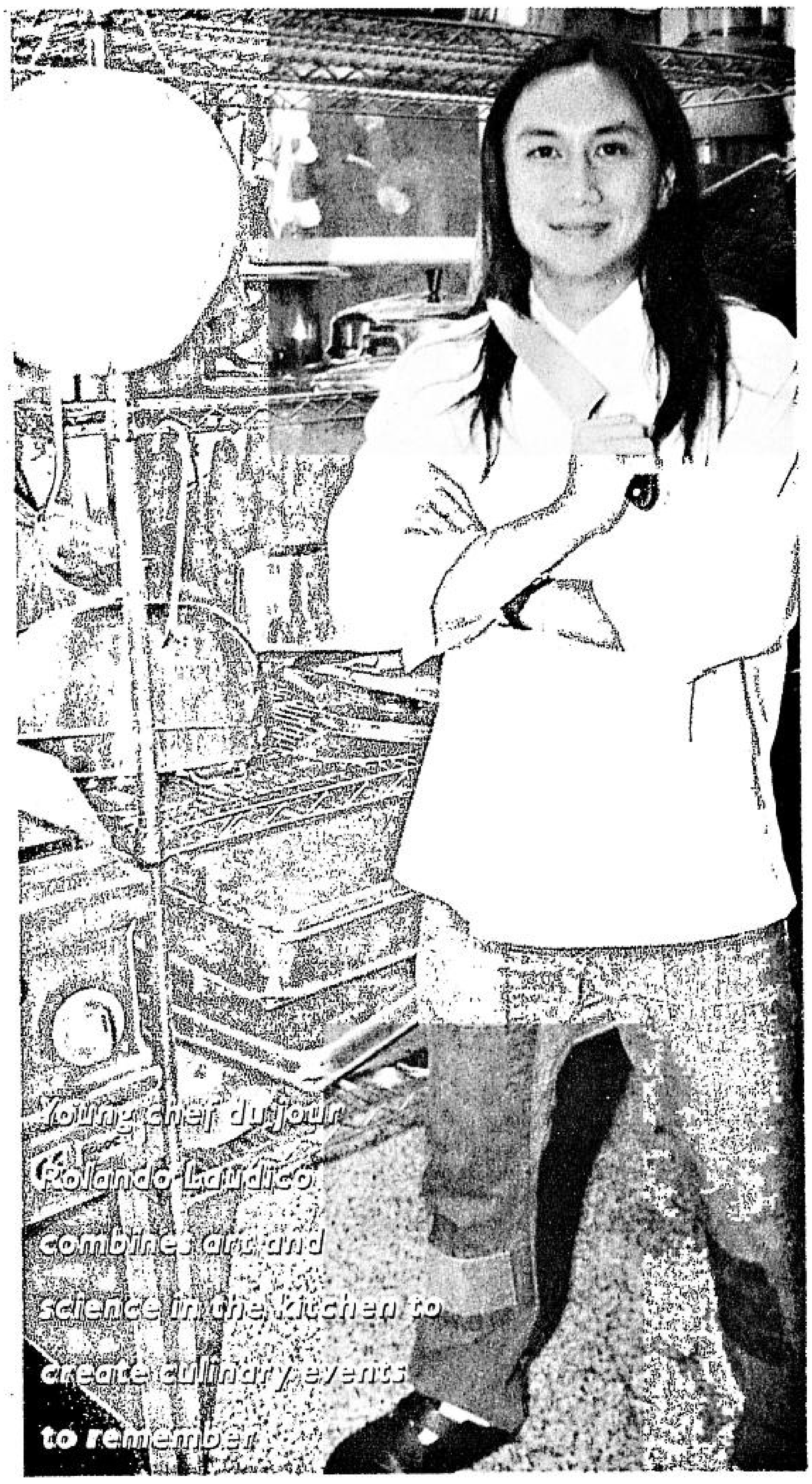

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Words of wisdom, indeed, from a guy who reminds one more of Nirvana than nouvelle cuisine. When he started his eponymous catering business, Chef Laudico, when he was just 26, the most common question Laudico would get upon first meeting a client was, "How old are you?" followed by "How long have you been doing this?" and the inevitable, "Is everything alright?" After all, the guy wears ripped jeans and Birkenstocks with his white chef's jacket and was a confessed "die-hard rocker" and guitar player during his college days at the University of the Philippines, where he took up Tourism and only stayed in the course because he fell in love with his classmate, Jackie (they were married in 2002). Long hair, Laudico insists, is easier to maintain in the kitchen. "You can spot it a mile away if it falls into the food!"

Only one taste

It takes only one taste of his creative cooking, however, to spread the word, as what inevitably happened when Laudico began cooking for his mother's friends, and their friends' friends. Today, he does about four to five events a week, from casual to formal, from exquisite plated dinners to 10-course buffets, with flowers and all the trimmings thrown in. "Some people like to use their own stuff, so I go and check them out," he says. He prepares meals with Oriental or seafood themes, for vegetarians, Atkins dieters or any other special group. "I like it when people tell me what they want, because I do things my way, anyway. But when they tell me it's up to me, that's when I can really do crazy stuff I haven't tried before."

That doesn't mean that quality is sacrificed, however. "My philosophy when it comes to fusion is, you don't have to be weird. It's still more important that the combination works well. You can't just combine things and expect a miracle to happen. To mix cuisines, you have to be familiar with them. You have to know the whole process behind it. Cooking is logic. That's why a good chef should know both art and science."

Artist or cook

It was such a statement that bagged Laudico his first job as a cook for Carpaccio, the restaurant owned by pioneering foodie Werner Berger. Berger had asked the fresh grad with "zero experience" whether he was more of an artist or a cook. "I said you had to be a little of both, or your food would look terrible," Laudico recalls. He washed dishes at La Primavera and worked for Berger for a year before his parents, finally convinced he was serious about being a *kusinero*, sent Laudico to the Culinary Institute of America in Poughkeepsie, New York to earn a diploma. "I originally wanted to study in Europe, because I think the passion there is different—they're dead serious about cooking," he recalls. "But I had such a hard time learning the language!" He was, however, forced to learn some semblance of "kitchen French" during his practicum in Chambery in France's Savoy region, in a ski resort that served a progressive mix of European and Asian cuisine.

The chef with Chef the Labrador in the Laudicos' romantic home gazebo

His chef in Chambery offered Laudico a job when his stint was over, but fate had other plans. After coming home to fix his visa, Laudico instead ended up doing five months in the sizzling Sydney, Australia restaurant scene, at a restaurant called Lothar's. He eventually tried to immigrate there with Jackie, but was told he needed more work experience to qualify. He opted to stay in Manila, had stints developing menus for Wasabi, Restaurant 12 and Aqua, and eventually opened his own business. Things just started cooking from there. Not bad for this only son who would accompany his mom to the wet market in lieu of his two older sisters when he was growing up.

As of this writing, Laudico was happy to announce that Jackie was pregnant. "I've wanted to be a father since we got married!" he says. In the meantime, there's Chef, an adorable nine-month-old yellow Labrador, to keep them busy. Laudico's high-tech kitchen is in his home, and here he leads a staff and wields his favorite knife with fervor to prepare generous meals in different price ranges; just give him at least two weeks' notice, he asks, and you'll be blown away.

Good for food

Despite the bohemian demeanor, though, Laudico obviously believes in discipline. "The classic image of the chef was that of a temperamental artist notorious for throwing pots. That attitude should not be. The kitchen is chaotic enough, especially at peak times. The stress level is pretty high. The quality should be consistent, and it won't help to scream. The best kitchen is silent. In the top restaurants all over the world, the only voice you hear is the chef's."

What about the growing personalized approach of chefs in this country? "That's good for the food. Before, going out to eat just meant eating Japanese or Chinese or Italian. Now, people ask, do I eat with that chef or this chef? The personal touch of the chef was lacking, but now you look for a particular style, not restricted to a particular cuisine. I myself don't want to be labeled. I'm Chef Laudico, and whatever I feel like cooking or whatever you want me to cook for you, I will cook—in my own way." Q

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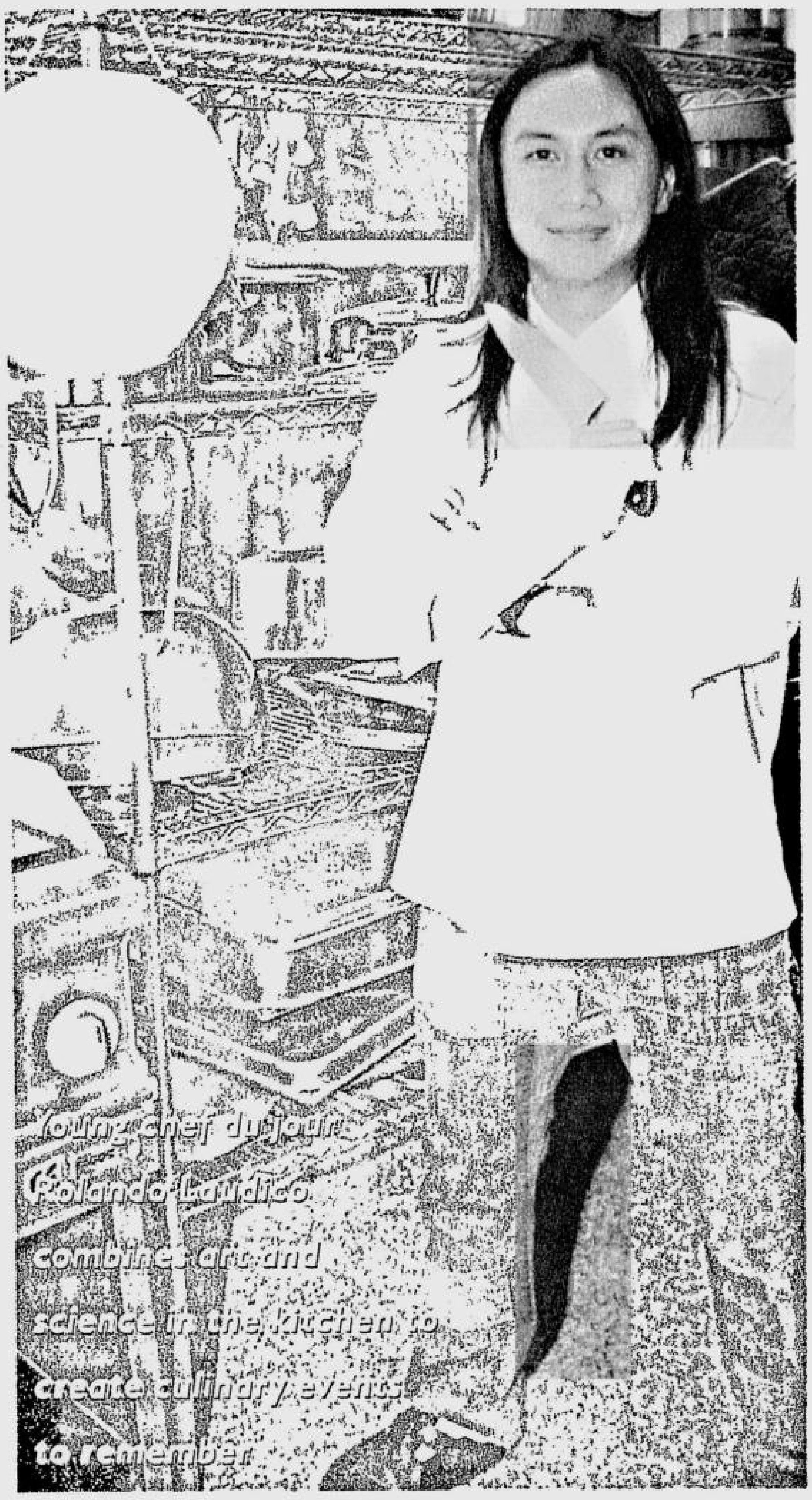

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HE FIRST time this writer met chef Rolando Laudico, he was in shorts and sandals, and had taken it upon himself to mix a much-needed impromptu salad dressing for a dinner party where he was a guest. Today, the 30-year-old creator of memorable feasts for two to 200 people—there have been 15 catered marriage proposal dinners for friends in that cushy gazebo in his garden, "and all the girls said yes," he reports proudly—declares that such on-the-spot innovation is essential to being a good chef. "I actually like to think of myself as a cook. You can be a chef and not know how to cook. You become a chef not because of the school you graduated from; you can have no formal studies whatsoever and be a great chef. But for me, you've got to be a great cook, know the basics, know how to maximize what you have. Great chefs can make magic out of nothing. If you can't move without certain ingredients, and you're not creative, it won't work." A chef's job is mainly managerial, Laudico clarifies further—how to deal with certain people, how to teach. "You can be the best cook, but the worst chef because you can't share what you know with others so they can understand and duplicate it."

Words of wisdom, indeed, from a guy who reminds one more of Nirvana than nouvelle cuisine. When he started his eponymous catering business, Chef Laudico, when he was just 26, the most common question Laudico would get upon first meeting a client was, "How old are you?" followed by "How long have you been doing this?" and the inevitable, "Is everything alright?" After all, the guy wears ripped jeans and Birkenstocks with his white chef's jacket and was a confessed "die-hard rocker" and guitar player during his college days at the University of the Philippines, where he took up Tourism and only stayed in the course because he fell in love with his classmate, Jackie (they were married in 2002). Long hair, Laudico insists, is easier to maintain in the kitchen. "You can spot it a mile away if it falls into the food!"

Only one taste

It takes only one taste of his creative cooking, however, to spread the word, as what inevitably happened when Laudico began cooking for his mother's friends, and their friends' friends. Today, he does about four to five events a week, from casual to formal, from exquisite plated dinners to 10-course buffets, with flowers and all the trimmings thrown in. "Some people like to use their own stuff, so I go and check them out," he says. He prepares meals with Oriental or seafood themes, for vegetarians, Atkins dieters or any other special group. "I like it when people tell me what they want, because I do things my way, anyway. But when they tell me it's up to me, that's when I can really do crazy stuff I haven't tried before."

That doesn't mean that quality is sacrificed, however. "My philosophy when it comes to fusion is, you don't have to be weird. It's still more important that the combination works well. You can't just combine things and expect a miracle to happen. To mix cuisines, you have to be familiar with them. You have to know the whole process behind it. Cooking is logic. That's why a good chef should know both art and science."

Artist or cook

It was such a statement that bagged Laudico his first job as a cook for Carpaccio, the restaurant owned by pioneering foodie Werner Berger. Berger had asked the fresh grad with "zero experience" whether he was more of an artist or a cook. "I said you had to be a little of both, or your food would look terrible," Laudico recalls. He washed dishes at La Primavera and worked for Berger for a year before his parents, finally convinced he was serious about being a *kusinero*, sent Laudico to the Culinary Institute of America in Poughkeepsie, New York to earn a diploma. "I originally wanted to study in Europe, because I think the passion there is different—they're dead serious about cooking," he recalls. "But I had such a hard time learning the language!" He was, however, forced to learn some semblance of "kitchen French" during his practicum in Chambery in France's Savoy region, in a ski resort that served a progressive mix of European and Asian cuisine.

The chef with Chef the Labrador in the Laudicos' romantic home gazebo.

His chef in Chambery offered Laudico a job when his stint was over, but fate had other plans. After coming home to fix his visa, Laudico instead ended up doing five months in the sizzling Sydney, Australia restaurant scene, at a restaurant called Lothar's. He eventually tried to immigrate there with Jackie, but was told he needed more work experience to qualify. He opted to stay in Manila, had stints developing menus for Wasabi, Restaurant 12 and Aqua, and eventually opened his own business. Things just started cooking from there. Not bad for this only son who would accompany his mom to the wet market in lieu of his two older sisters when he was growing up.

As of this writing, Laudico was happy to announce that Jackie was pregnant. "I've wanted to be a father since we got married!" he says. In the meantime, there's Chef, an adorable nine-month-old yellow Labrador, to keep them busy. Laudico's high-tech kitchen is in his home, and here he leads a staff and wields his favorite knife with fervor to prepare generous meals in different price ranges: just give him at least two weeks' notice, he asks, and you'll be blown away.

Good for food

Despite the bohemian demeanor, though, Laudico obviously believes in discipline. "The classic image of the chef was that of a temperamental artist notorious for throwing pots. That attitude should not be. The kitchen is chaotic enough, especially at peak times. The stress level is pretty high. The quality should be consistent, and it won't help to scream. The best kitchen is silent. In the top restaurants all over the world, the only voice you hear is the chef's."

What about the growing personalized approach of chefs in this country? "That's good for the food. Before, going out to eat just meant eating Japanese or Chinese or Italian. Now, people ask, do I eat with that chef or this chef? The personal touch of the chef was lacking, but now you look for a particular style, not restricted to a particular cuisine. I myself don't want to be labeled. I'm Chef Laudico, and whatever I feel like cooking or whatever you want me to cook for you, I will cook—in my own way." Q

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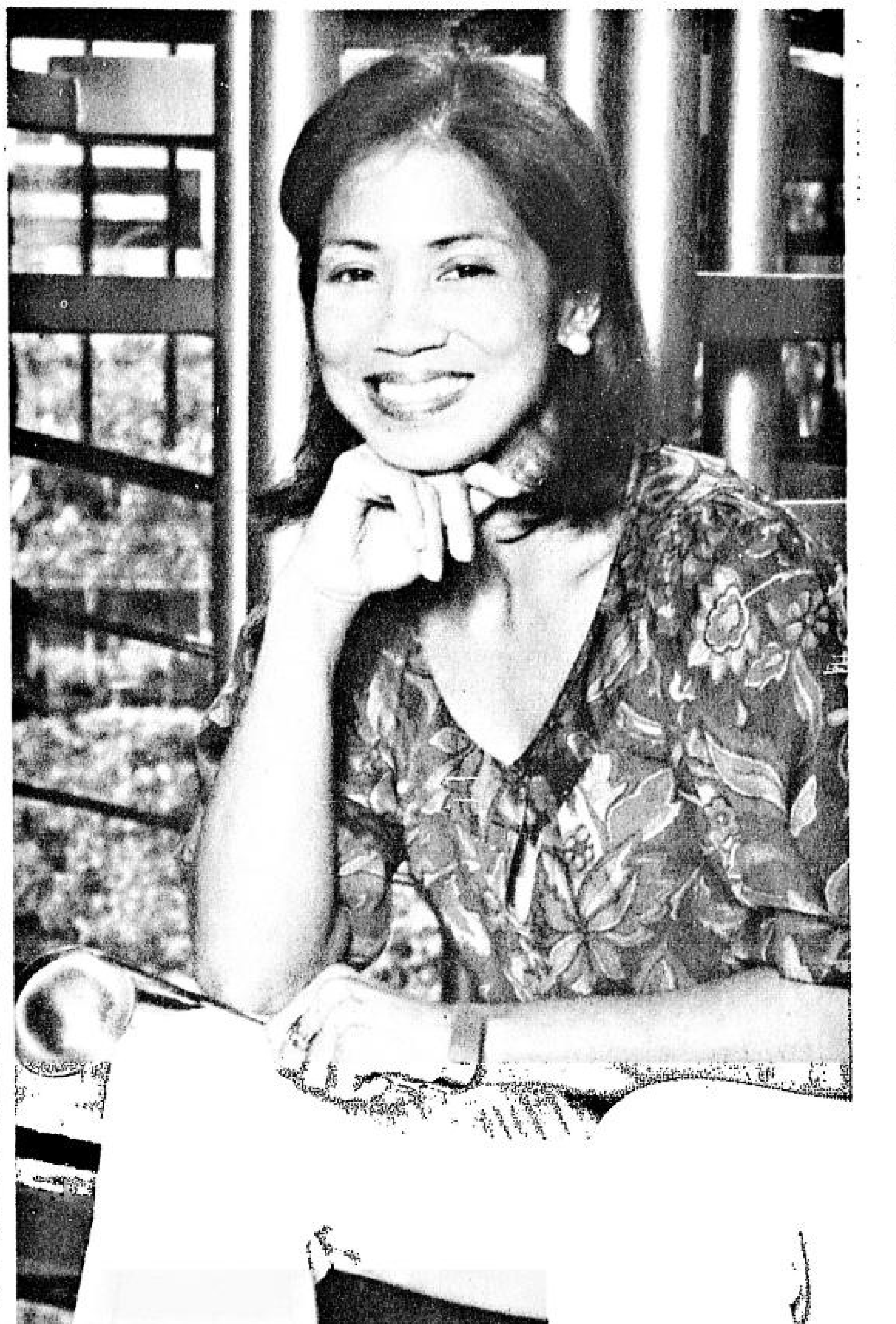
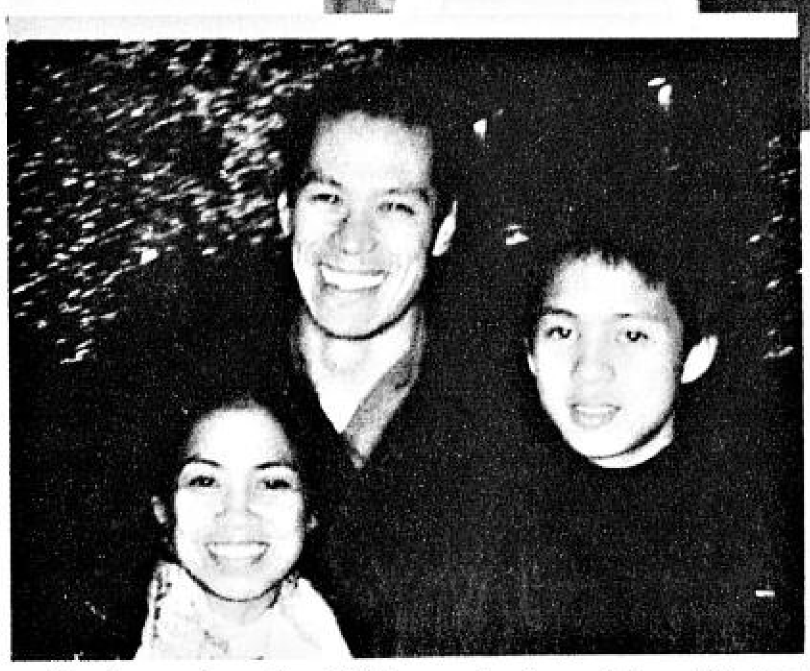




We are family: Below, with Amadito, 13, and Alvin at Rockefeller Center in New York, Christmas 2003; at Pepato's sculptural staircase in a YSL vintage blouse

So is she for real? Could life get any better than this?

Not easy street

Oh, but it wasn't always easy street, says Gaita, the second of five siblings born to Dr. Raul Fores and Ma. Lourdes (Baby) Araneta. Being opposition figures (uncle Gerry Roxas was a frontliner of the Liberal Party), the Aranetas moved to the US when then President Marcos declared martial law. "We were uprooted and had to settle in New York where we lived within five blocks of each other," says Gaita of her assorted elders and eight cousins, including Dinggoy and Mar Roxas. That was in 1971; she was Grade 7 at Assumption, and like most upper crust children, was used to having drivers, maids and security guards at her beck and call. It had to go. "We had to do housework, take the bus and the subway and find a job," she says of their early days in New York. Once, she recounts, she took a packed bus and almost suffocated in the very thick fur coat that her mom, worried about the winter cold, had bundled her off in. "We had to be very resilient and flexible, and learned to be persistent," she recalls.

She spent two years working in the fur market, hardly a glamorous job, says Gaita. "It was a good experience, though. It taught me how to adjust to men three times my age." Soon, she was working with Valentino, doing some PR and overseeing the use of the signature label on other merchandise. "With my job, I could afford to live on my own in New York although I would still take my laundry home on weekends," she adds. Her experience with Valentino exposed her to things Italian, something that carried over to her cooking. "I must have been Italian in a previous life," she muses.

In Cubao where the Aranetas are based, Gaita grew up at the Bahay na Puti (the White House), just spitting distance from the Coliseum, which hosts the yearly harvest of beauty queens for the Bb. Pilipinas pageant. Gaita's mom Baby is the youngest of J. Amado Araneta's brood of three consisting of Judy (widow of Sen. Gerry Roxas and mother to Ria, Mar and Dinggoy), and Jorge, who married former Miss Colombia and pageant organizer Stella Marquez.

Life was normal enough. Hanging out in the kitchen and watching her mother's cook became a favorite preoccupation. Soon, she was trying her hand at cooking, starting off with paprika sour cream chicken with buttered rice from an American cookbook. The dish has become a staple at Café Bola.

But making food her career was farthest from her mind, says Gaita. "I thought I would just join the family business, but my *lolo* Amado advised me to take up accounting if I wasn't sure what course to pursue. At least, he said, I'd understand the numbers side of the business," says this CPA graduate who passed the board in '81.

In New York, Gaita took a double major in Economics and International Studies at Mt. Holyoke College, finishing her course at Assumption College in 1978, cum laude.

Being political exiles had its fun moments as well, she says of cooking for friends who would drop by. Once, she recounts, she served them wild duck and used as table setting the autumn leaves in their backyard, a preview of what would later develop into a knack for turning the commonplace into nouveau chic. Then there's their mother, Baby Fores, who quickly became their oldest best friend. "Mom didn't get to enjoy life as a young woman because she eloped at 18," says Gaita. "So she was also discovering herself while we were growing up." In New York, their mother would take Gaita, her sister Veana (who's into artist management) and brother Joe (a sugar farmer in Bacolod who also runs TicketNet) to clubs for some serious bonding. Siblings Bledes, an entrepeneur and avid golfer and diver, and Jorge, a real estate developer, would follow them to New York later.

In Gaita's case, discovering herself meant a romantic detour that almost broke her mother's heart. "When I go into a relationship, it's for the long haul," she says of her 11-year relationship with investment banker Danding Yotoko, 15 years her senior, who sired Jorge Amado (Amadito) in 1990. It slowed down things a bit, she recalls, but "it also made me realize that I was now responsible for another life, and that helped me get my act together. Amadito gave me focus and direction."

Inherited chic: Gaita at age 2, rightmost, with mom, sister Veana and baby brother Joe

She had been catering on and off in 1987 and '88, but had been too overwhelmed by the magnitude of the food business to go into it full-time. "Thank God the people whom I cooked for at that time were very understanding and forgiving," she says. "Sometimes they'd end up eating at 10 p.m. because I didn't know how to do things professionally. I would practise at Trattoria Uno in Cubao, which had a wood-burning oven, but it still took me a long time to open my own place."

She adds, "But I feel so blessed. Some people go through life not knowing what they want to do. I found out what I can be passionate about early enough. *Hulog ng langit* (It's a Godsend)."

In 1987, she went to Italy to learn to cook. "I never put on a chef's outfit nor learned the exact terminology of food because I learned from the kitchen of Italian *signoras*. It was home-cooking using authentic Italian stuff. In the morning, I would observe the ladies cooking and in the afternoon, I'd go to language school." It was quite an intensive experience, she says, traveling around, going to market for fresh produce, getting to know new tastes. "I went by myself and lived with an Italian family who rented out rooms in their villa. I think I got a maid's room, it was so small."

Loving what you do

Being an excellent chef, she says, does not involve having the technical background nor the right cooking school. "First, you have to enjoy eating. You must also be willing to work hard and long hours. That's why I missed a lot of Amadito's growing up years. I've been a bit remiss in my parenting but I'm just so thankful that family filled in the gaps."

Of course, she adds, "you must also love what you do. Until now I still don't feel like this is work!" Part of her success Gaita attributes to her relationship with her staff. "It is important to train your staff and empower them. Give them a hand in managing the store so they'll also wind up loving their work. That makes a difference in the kind of service they'll render." Waiters in her restaurants get to taste every new dish they'll serve "so they'll understand what it's made of, how to sell it, how to deliver its message." Most of her original staff at Cibo from seven years back have stayed with her, she says proudly. "You have to put them where they're good at, and it takes years to discover that." Her management style is participatory, she adds. "When we have problems in the business, I ask the staff to solve it. What do you think is the best solution? They're the best people to ask because they're closest to the work, and they do it everyday."

Indeed, Gaita's people skills is something that Pepato's chief cook, Linda Junio, swears by Linda, 39, and manager Imelda Tecson toured Italy with Gaita for three weeks in 2002, "peeking into Italian kitchens, eating out in different places, going to markets, tasting wines, watching olive oil being processed," and generally getting to know Italian food at its source. With their boss picking up the tab for this hedonistic learning experience, "it was like winning the Sweepstakes," says Linda, who has worked with Gaita for almost seven years now.

Says Linda, "I used to work for other chefs until I was sent to a seminar that Gaita was giving for Maya Kitchens. I was so inspired by her. I realized that women could be chefs and be very successful at that." A high school graduate, Linda says she learned her skills by attending countless cooking seminars.

From her boss, she learned "self esteem and ambition," adds Linda. "She told me, *pahalagahan ang sarili*, don't stay where you are, keep trying for something bigger." In fact, she adds, when an employee shows enough potential, the boss sends them to school for an HRM course, as in the case of Gaita's former househelp Rachel, and her driver's daughter. Linda felt so comfortable working for her boss that she recommended two other sisters to join her. "When I told Gaita that my sisters graduated from courses completely unrelated to food, she said, '*Walang problema*. We'll train them.' Sheila Rosales, a midwifery graduate, now works in the kitchen of Cibo's ABS-CBN outlet. Computer graduate Levy Balbis is a food checker at the main branch of Cibo.

Gaita herself admits to being more comfortable hanging around in the kitchen, usually with her staff, even in social gatherings where she is the guest and not the caterer. "I hate being described as a socialite! I don't even party," she says.

Good karma

Right now, she's best described as Woman Earning Good Karma. Her nine-year relationship with Alvin Lim is going great shakes, and marriage plans are in the offing. "Now that we're more comfortable about the business (Café Bola, where the two have invested 50-50), we can think about settling down," she says of the guy introduced by a common friend. "We met at Giraffe. He told me right off that he was looking for a girl who knows how to cook. I thought he was trying to make points because I just did a very successful food festival at Hyatt that was heavily publicized. But it turns out he had just come back from the States and didn't know the local goings-on. So we hit it off. He's into food and eating, too!"

He just turned 40, five years her junior, says Gaita, who finds "his youthful energy so refreshing." His parents were into logging concession in Cagayan during the Marcos years and his father was a disciplinarian, she adds. "So Alvin's very organized while I'm very *kalat* (scatter-brained). We complement each other. He adds order to my life while I soften him up."

When they're not watching movies or going to Subic in their free time, they think up ways to make Amadito more independent. "We made him take the subway in New York. He got lost, but then that's the best way to learn!" says Gaita, the mother. Developing the young boy's palate has become another project. "When we went to New York for Christmas, we forced him to try everything, even just one bite. He used to love only Kentucky Fried Chicken; now he likes scallops, lamb, crabs. And he makes pasta with tomatoes and cream!" Her next Mom Project: how to tell Amadito about the birds and the bees. And after that? "How to keep myself healthy enough for my next child because I'm working against my biological clock," she says with a sigh.

Unfazed

But ageing doesn't bother her, Gaita adds. "As you grow older, you realize you don't have to make excuses for your actions, and you have a clearer sense of what you like to do. Besides, with so many things that can make us feel and look younger, turning 40 or 45 is no big deal. Plus you have all this knowledge and wisdom and are less fazed by little things."

When she's not whipping up her specialties (crab ravioli with crab roe drizzling, salted eggs with truffle oil "that God must have whispered to me because I couldn't imagine such combination by myself," and spinach gorgonzola dip), or gorging herself on favorites *paksiw na tilapia* and stewed *adobo*, Gaita and family treat themselves once a week to "a big meal at Mr. Poon, Burger King and Mc-Do. Next stop: the stuffed crust pizza at Pizza Hut!"

Her one dream at this point, says Gaita, is to come up with a local version of City Harvest in New York, where upscale restaurants gather and pool their good leftovers every night and donate them to soup kitchens and orphanages. "I'm trying to get this organized because a lot of people here are willing to do it. We just need a vehicle and a phone and the vehicle can even have the logos of the different participating restaurants so it's free advertising for them too."

With so many good things happening to her, one wonders: What's the worst thing that life has dealt this culinary whiz? "That God made me short; I wish I were taller!" says Gaita, pouting. Q

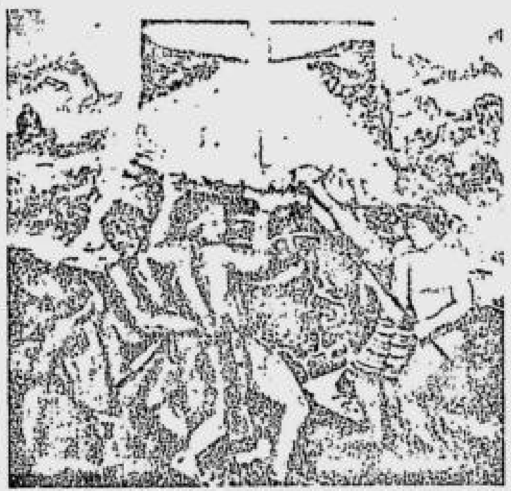
This Week

Art

Summer Pastimes, an exhibit of paintings in various media focusing on still lifes and landscape subjects led by Fernando B. Sena and his past student-artists, until April 30 at The Edge, UP Vargas Museum, Roxas Avenue, Diliman, QC.

Altered Light, a collection of manipulated photographs of religious images in Iloilo by Noel Barrameda, at the lobby Art Café of Hotel InterContinental Manila until April 30.

Sining Marikina, a group of Marikina-based artists is holding a group show at the Saturday Group Gallery, 2/F, Ali Mall, Araneta Center until May 5. There are still lifes, landscapes, portraits, and a few abstract pieces, as well as a number of sculptúral pieces by Al Giroy. For details, call 903-9417.



Santi Bose's "Drown My Soul in Chico River," on view at the CCP

In Memory of a Talisman, an exhibit of selected works by Santiago Bose, until May 15 at the CCP Bulwagang Juan Luna. A video installation of performance art pieces by Bose and live footages and interviews with the late artist will complement the show.

Music

Limited edition copies of the premium double-disc album **The Sacred Works of Ryan Cayabyab** are now available in music stores in Metro Manila. This debut album of The San Miguel Philharmonic Orchestra and The San Miguel Master Chorale includes "Misa 2000" which won for Cayabyab a prize in the 2001 Onassis International Cultural Competitions for original music composition for dance in Athens, Greece. Featured soloists are .Teresa Fajardo, Edward Granadosin and Grace Nono.

Tour of the Fireflies kicks off today at the Liwasang Bonifacio

Paco Park Presents Spellbound Duo composed of keyboard player Rene Ongpauco and alto sax player Romy "Buboy" Villanueva as they entertain park audiences with a varied repertoire of hits on April 23. On April 30, our very own OPM takes centerstage as the Nocturne Chorus formally closes the month-long focus on popular music. Performances at 6 p.m at Paco Park, San Marcelino, Manila. Admission is free.

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Tour of the Fireflies is a parade of costumed cyclists biking around Metro Manila cities to promote cycling as a means of transport that is efficient, environmentally friendly, and good for one's health. This year's Tour with the theme "Cycle for Clean Cities" will be held today and will go around Makati, Manila, Pasay, Parañaque, Las Piñas and Taguig. Participants may register today at 5:30 a.m. at the starting venue—the Liwasang Bonifacio.

Sotheby's Philippine representative Kim Camacho will give a **jewelry and watches auction talk** on April 19 and 20 suitable for connoisseurs and collectors at Sotheby's, 36/F, Tower 1, Enterprise Center, Ayala Avenue corner Paseo de Roxas, Makati City. She will present the highlights of the forthcoming Spring jewelry and watches auctions in New York and how you can ourchase at auction. Limited seats available. For details, call 884-8241.

Akting na Akting, an acting workshop for children ages 7-13, will be conducted by Nestor U. Torre from April 23-25, 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at St. John's Academy, 148 Jose Gil St., San Juan. For registration call 721-0801, 724-1762 or 726-7164.

Sinag Arts Foundation will hold the following workshops: **Futon Art Techniques for Kids** (April 23-25), a special costume-making workshop using soft sculpture techniques; Carpentry and Tools Workshop for Kids (April 28-30); Backstage Work for Kids (May 19-23), a training in various aspects of theater production including stage lighting and stage sound; Kimono Workshop (June 24-26), learn the art of creating, designing and wearing the kimono to be conducted by Kabuki costume specialist Minoru Matsumoto. For details, call 531-3491 or 531-9524. Sinag Arts Studio is located at 661 San Ignacio St., Brgy. Plainview, Mandaluyong City.

Learning to See Photography Workshops schedule: **Basic Photography Workshop I**, April 24 and 25, an intensive four-day workshop on basic photography for aspiring photographers, amateurs and hobbyists. Deadline for registration is April 21. **Basic Photography Workshop II**, May 8 and 9, a course for those who want to further enhance their knowledge about the basic concepts in photography. Deadline for registration is May 5. Students must bring own SLR camera with manual controls. **Travel Photography Workshop for Amateurs**, May 1 and 2, a course on taking impressive photos of your travels and vacations. Students may use any kind of camera, but an SLR would be an advantage. Deadline for registration is April 28. For details, call 436-1445 or 0918-5204533. You may also e-mail pinoy_workshops@yahoo.com.

The **Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts** is in search of gifted young Filipinos ages 16 years old and above, specializing in ballet and modern dance, to be awarded **one-year scholarships** in pursuit of a Professional Diploma in the Performing Arts. Susan Street, dean of the School of Dance of the HKAPA, and Tom Brown, associate dean, will conduct the auditions on April 27, 6 p.m. at the Chameleon Dance Studio, 38 West Avenue, QC. Applicants should prepare a short solo piece and bring with them a comprehensive resumé. They are also required to attend a dance class during the audition session. For details, call 914-1011 to 14.

The **Riverbanks Center** in Marikina City launches **integrated theater arts and visual arts summer workshops** until June. The theater arts workshop offers lessons in singing, acting and dancing facilitated by noted theater personalities. A recital and an art exhibit will culminate the event. Enrollment fee is P3,500. Limited slots available. For inquiries, call 997-3176 and 997-1556.

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The **Tagaytay Film, Broadcast and Creative Workshops** announces its line-up of courses to be held on May 23-28 at the Development Academy of the Philippines in Tagaytay City. Video and TV courses: Video as Corporate and Institutional Imaging Tool; How to be an Effective TV Host; Scriptwriting for AVPs; How to Direct a Winning TV Variety Show; Cool Graphics for TV and Video, and Digital Post Production Editing Methods. For film courses: Master's Class: Directing for Film Feature; Scriptwriting for Feature Film, and Production Design for Film Features. For publications and communications: Basic Publications Design and Layout; Basic Stills Photography; Corporate Communications and Crisis Media Management, and Events Planning and Management. The classes are reputed for its stay-in, intensive, hands-on approach to learning. For details, call 925-1915 and 925-1916.

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Pinoy Nga

By Jess Abrera

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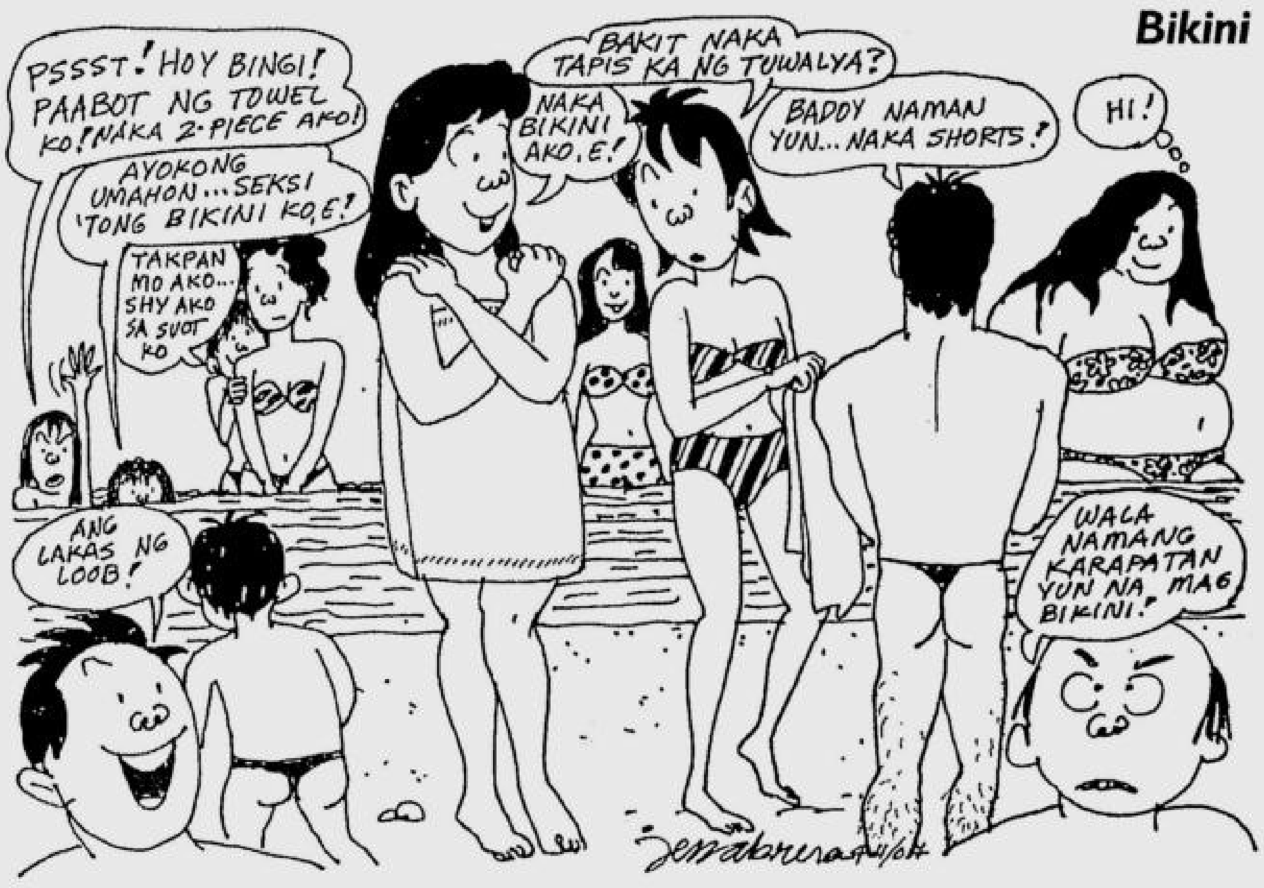

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The Word

By Fr. Ruben J. Villote

Easter Reflections

All the meals shared with Jesus after the Resurrection were meals of reconciliation. We can never partake of the Risen Life of Christ if we are not a reconciled and reconciling people

Reflection One:
Every Shared Meal is an Easter Experience

Did you know that there are at least 25 portions in the New Testament which have something to do with eating? And out of those, 20 events portray Jesus himself involved in the act of eating.

Biblical scholars believe that this interesting fact was not accidental. Eating must have a meaning as far as our faith is concerned.

The first public miracle of Jesus was at a wedding banquet at Cana (Jn 2). We see Jesus eating again in the house of Simon (Mk 14), then in the house of Zaccheus (Lk 19), in the house of Martha and Mary at Bethany (Lk 10), in the house of Peter's mother-in-law (Mk 1:30). Then we see Jesus eating with sinners (Mk 2:15) and feeding a multitude (Jn 6).

Jesus crowned His public life by partaking of the Last Supper with His apostles. After the Resurrection, He partook of breakfast with his friends by the Lake Tiberias (Jn 21).

Again, Jesus broke bread with two disciples whom He accompanied on the way to Emmaus (Lk 24). In Luke 22, Jesus said: "We shall meet again at another Banquet in the Kingdom of My Father."

In Matthew 22 and Luke 14, Jesus compared the Kingdom to a group of people eating. In the parable of the prodigal son, the father took back his long-lost son with a feast especially prepared for him.

During the Last Supper, Jesus admonished the apostles to remember Him constantly by coming together for a meal. "Do this in memory of me." After His Ascension, the early Christians often came together to share a meal to symbolize their faith-fellowship (Act 2:42, 43).

Therefore, as far as Jesus is concerned, eating together (*salu-salo*) contains a message, and around that message revolves the whole Christian faith. It is the message of forgiveness.

The Easter readings have focused on the forgiveness theme. For example, when the Risen Christ first appeared to the apostles (Jn 20:19), He gave them the power to forgive sins. Another reading from Acts 3:13, 26 finds Peter delivering an Easter sermon urging his fellow Israelites to reform their lives and be forgiven. In Luke 24:47, when the Risen Christ appeared to His apostles again, He said: "Repentance for the forgiveness of sins must be preached to all the nations."

Jesus, after the Resurrection, must have felt that His disciples were so embarrassed to face him because all but one of them abandoned Jesus during His Passion.

Jesus knew that His friends were living with a guilty conscience. He wanted to make it easier for them to say "I'm sorry." And what easier way was there than to invite Himself to a meal with them? "Have you anything here to eat?" He asked, and He ate in their presence (Lk 24:41-45).

All the meals shared with Jesus after the Resurrection were meals of reconciliation. We can never partake of the Risen Life of Christ if we are not a reconciled and reconciling people.

Forgiveness and conversion are the bottom-line graces of Easter. Even in the family or among friends, how difficult it is to eat together in anger and hostility. But once reconciled we can share a meal again with joyful and grateful hearts. That is why every Eucharistic celebration is supposed to be an Easter Experience, isn't it?

Reflection Two:
Rising With Jesus Risen

"I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in Me, though he is dead, will come to life; and whoever is alive, and believes in Me, will never die." Jn 11:17-27

In verse 25, Jesus was not referring to the dead person inside the coffin. He was referring to the person who is so selfish (*walang pakialam sa kapwa*) that he is dead to the needs of others.

Jesus was referring to the person who is so insensitive to others (*walang pakiramdam*) that he is dead to the feelings of others.

Jesus was referring to the person who is corrupt and unjust (*walang hiya*) that he is dead to the value of honor.

Jesus was referring to the person without hope, without love, without faith, and thus filled with bitterness, hatred and unforgiveness, all of which can paralyze the spirit. He might even be pointing a finger at you or me.

But Jesus promised that if only these spiritually dead persons believe in Him, they will come to life. If only we who are spiritually dead allowed Jesus to enter into our lives; if only we allowed Him to touch our wounds, we would feel fresh energy rushing through every vein and fiber of our being and we would be filled with new life.

And then we shall know what our Lord Jesus meant when He said: "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, although he is dead, will come to life." Q

India

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working with so many spices to see that they work together harmoniously, with no one spice overpowering the others. In the green coriander chutney that accompanies samosas and grilled meat dishes, for instance, the key note is struck by the fresh coriander leaves, but you can also detect an undercurrent of ginger, and later a hint of green chili, with a tart aftertaste that I first thought was lime but turned out to be tamarind. It was the perfect compliment to the tandoori chicken, which had been marinated in yogurt and spices before being baked in a *tandoor* or traditional clay oven. Instead of masking the chicken's flavor, it brought it out even more intensely. Eating Indian, your tastebuds get a workout.

"Indian home cooking is very different from restaurant food," says Khanchandani, who learned her cooking skills the traditional way, from her mother.

Khanchandani had no inkling that she would be opening a restaurant when her family migrated to the Philippines 10 years ago from Ahmedabad in Gujarat province, best known as the location of Mahatma Gandhi's ashram. Her husband Ashok Kumar was in wholesale trading, and she was a housewife. But during potluck gatherings with friends, her dishes were invariably the most successful.

As a Hindu and a vegetarian, she also noticed the dearth of places that served Indian vegetarian food. She decided to open the first branch of New Bombay, along Buendia. It was, strictly speaking, *turo-turo*—a small, open-air stall near the tracks—not exactly a nice neighborhood, but vegetarians made an effort to go there, and they kept coming. The restaurant slowly built up a clientele, and after a few years, they were confident enough to move to their present location, in the Sagittarius III building on Horacio de la Costa St. in Salcedo Village. To keep up with growing customer demand, the Khanchandanis will soon be opening a second, bigger branch of New Bombay in San Juan's Wilson St. restaurant district.

Given the current vogue for all things Indian—*bhangra* music, Bollywood movies, henna tattoos and hatha yoga—Indian cuisine might just be the next big thing. Q

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